

For strategic reasons, U.S. officials also have told the Russians that the United States does not intend to sell arms either to China or to the Soviet Union. But U.S. allies in Western Europe have already announced plans to let the Chinese buy British military aircraft and French antitank weapons for "defensive" purposes, and the Carter administration has told the Kremlin that Washington will not interfere.



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## U.S. Ex-Aide Defends Conclusions of Israeli Torture

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (NYT) — Alexandra Johnson, the former U.S. Foreign Service consular officer in Jerusalem who reported that Israel had conducted systematic torture of Arab prisoners, stoutly defended her conclusions last night and said it was "my own belief" that her human-rights reporting led to her dismissal from the service.

Sitting in her lawyer's office in downtown Washington, Miss Johnson spoke in precise, carefully structured phrases discussing her career, which she said had been "smashed" when the State Department refused last month to grant her tenure after her six-year probationary period had ended.

Miss Johnson has become something of a celebrity in Washington,

but she seemed uneasy about her jump to prominence from junior Foreign Service officer.

"I regard as rather unfortunate the fact that I as a person have come into a certain prominence," she said. "I feel it is a positive development that my work is placed on the public record for public evaluation. But I would hope that any debate that is conducted would be about the evidence which I and other colleagues had conducted and not about me as a person. I'm very unimportant," she said.

#### Official Denial

The State Department, which had rejected her view that systematic torture was practiced by the Israelis, denied yesterday, as it did

Wednesday, that her reporting was the reason for her failure to receive tenure.

It also rejected Israeli reports that suggested Miss Johnson was mentally unbalanced. Miss Johnson herself firmly denied that her record reflected any criticism either of her reporting or of her stability.

In the interview with The New York Times, Miss Johnson said that she went to Jerusalem two years ago very much pro-Israeli. She said that she gradually became aware of a pattern of abuse when, in the course of her work, she began to interview Palestinian Arabs from the West Bank or Jerusalem who contended they had been forced to make confessions to

membership in secret organizations as a result of torture.

"In the course of normal visa operations I had to resolve the visa applications of 29 Palestinian Arabs convicted in the West Bank and Jerusalem of participation in illegal Palestinian organizations," she said.

She said she examined court records and interviewed the applicants. "All 29 individuals described to me, in varying degree of detail, interrogation sessions in which they were beaten or otherwise tortured by their interrogators," she said.

#### Found a Pattern

After a while, she said, she found a pattern. "I got the feeling that rather than being exposed to a series of aberrant instances, I was in a way taking a sample from a pattern or a system," she said.

At the suggestion of her superior in Jerusalem, she sent a political cable last May to Washington, known as Jerusalem 1500, in which she detailed the instances of torture. One of the cases involved a man who was to become her fiancé.

After she got his visa and went to Chicago, she said, she sent her fiancé a letter. "A love letter proposing marriage," she said.

Miss Johnson said she decided against rejecting it out of hand, and went with her mother, who lived with her in Jerusalem. He said that she and her mother visited the fiancé; after several meetings, she agreed to become engaged last Oct. 6. A few weeks later, she decided to break off the engagement, and she has not seen or heard from him since.

#### Extensive Inquiry

As a result of her reporting from Jerusalem, an extensive inquiry was conducted here and by the U.S. Embassy in Israel. Miss Johnson's harsh conclusions about Israeli police methods were not substantiated.

The State Department, in its annual human-rights report, did say, however, that as a result of an accumulation of evidence, there seemed to be "instances" of mistreatment of prisoners detained for questioning. As for her dismissal, "It is my own belief that I was fired because of my human-rights reporting," she said.

Hodding Carter 3d, the State Department spokesman, said she was not given tenure because the board that decides those matters ruled she did not qualify, with no single element of her performance being decisive.

Miss Johnson said she considered filing a grievance suit to regain her place in the Foreign Service. Now that her views on Israel are public, however, she has dropped that course and intends to take part in the debate about Palestinians, although she said she has gotten tired of hearing Palestinians "feeling sorry for themselves."

—By BERNARD GWERTZMAN

#### Lebanese Charges Torture

BEIRUT, Feb. 9 (NYT) — A Lebanese man who was set free yesterday by Israel has accused the Israelis of using various forms of torture during interrogation.

The former prisoner was identified as Youssef Rameh Hamadah, one of 14 Lebanese civilians captured during the Israeli invasion of southern Lebanon last March and since released. Mr. Hamadah, who acknowledged that he had fought alongside guerrillas of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, made his torture allegations in an interview published today in the independent Beirut daily *Al Nahar* and cited by the state radio.

He said that his hands and legs were tied to his neck and he was taken to an underground cell where he was kept for 45 days. Israeli interrogators questioned him four and five times a day about the Palestinian guerrillas and their bases, he said.

Charging that his interrogators used force to obtain information, Mr. Hamadah said that their "methods of torture were beatings with sticks and rifle butts, and electricity."

U.S. Reconsiders Ban on Selling Russia Computer

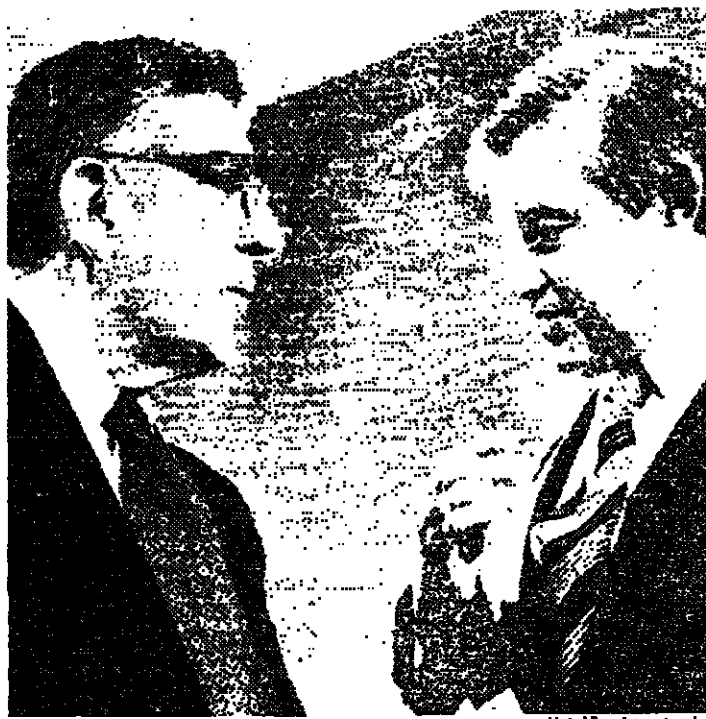
WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (UPI) — The administration has agreed to reconsider its ban on the sale of a sophisticated computer to the Soviet Union.

U.S. officials confirmed that the Sperry-Univac company now proposing to sell a slightly less sophisticated computer than the \$6-million 1100 series originally ordered by the Russians. The export license was refused last year, on orders of the White House, in protest of Soviet treatment of its dissidents.

Officials said the State and Commerce Departments now favor the sale, but the president's national security adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, continues to oppose it. The Russians said they would use the computer to tabulate results in the 1980 Olympics and subsequently to handle copy for the news agency Tass.

One U.S. official said the talks have reopened and the Russians have agreed to take a slightly less sophisticated model. Soviet officials indicated in Moscow they believed that the export license that was refused last year will be approved now.

The difference, according to U.S. officials, is that Soviet treatment of dissidents appears to have eased slightly, while the rate of emigration permitted by the Soviet Union has remained high.



Leonard Woodcock, left, ambassador nominee to China, is shown with Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Frank Church. Mr. Woodcock told the committee that Peking lacks the capacity to attack Taiwan for at least a decade.

### Approval Tied to Taiwan Security

## Senate Committee Clears Woodcock as China Envoy

By Bernard Gwertzman

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (NYT) — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday approved, 12-to-1, President Carter's nomination of Leonard Woodcock as the first ambassador to the People's Republic of China, but decided to delay seeking full Senate confirmation until legislation guaranteeing Taiwan's continued security is also achieved.

The decision to link the two actions reflected mounting unhappiness and apprehension regarding the Carter administration's decision — made without consulting Congress — to establish diplomatic relations with Peking, to sever government-to-government ties with Taiwan and to replace them with non-governmental contacts through an American Institute in Taiwan and a similar Taiwan body here.

As the committee was voting on Mr. Woodcock's nomination, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance underwent his most severe questioning on Capitol Hill since taking office two years ago.

Testifying before a Senate Appropriations subcommittee, Mr. Vance faced criticism and mocking disbelief. He was seeking legislation to transfer the \$2 million in funds already assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Taipei for the rest of this fiscal year to the newly designated "nongovernmental" American Institute.

#### "Mickey Mouse" Legislation

Sen. Lowell Weicker, R-Conn., led the attack on what he called the "Mickey Mouse" legislation. He and others said that the United States should continue to deal with Taiwan as a government or not at all. Senators asked why the United States had kept a government liaison office in Peking while it had an embassy in Taipei, but refused to reverse the roles now that the embassy would be in Peking.

Mr. Vance was obviously annoyed by the questioning; his face was flushed, but he did not raise his voice as he replied that the United States had promised Peking in the negotiations that it would no longer have any government-to-government relations with Taiwan after March 1, and that a liaison office would be a government body.

He also revealed that Taiwan, while previously insisting on keeping government ties, had decided in the last few days to accede to the U.S. demand and had agreed to set up its own unofficial mission here.

Earlier, Roger Sullivan, deputy assistant secretary of state for East Asian Affairs, acknowledged to the Foreign Relations Committee that the United States had informed Taiwan that if it continued to resist the United States plan, U.S. officials in Taipei and Taiwanese officials here would begin leaving on Saturday. This virtual ultimatum drew criticism from Sen. Richard Stone, D-Fla., who said that the United States had "a gun at Taiwan's head."

Yesterday morning, the committee heard testimony from Mr. Woodcock, the former President of the United Auto Workers, who is head of the liaison office in Peking. The office becomes an embassy March 1.

Mr. Woodcock heard several senators express concern about Taiwan's future, and there was also criticism by Sen. Charles Percy, R-Ill., of Chinese Deputy Premier Teng Hsiao-ping's recent attacks on the Soviet Union and his criticism of U.S. policy toward Iran.

Told that the committee was preparing rather stiff language to guarantee Taiwan's security, Mr. Woodcock said he did not believe that was necessary, since Peking probably lacked the capacity to attack Taiwan over the next 10 to 15 years, and since the United States was free to act anyway in case of an emergency. He reminded the committee of Mr. Carter's expectation that force would not be used to unify China.

When the time came for a vote on the nomination, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., said that he would use the senatorial prerogative of putting a "hold" on the full Senate vote on Mr. Woodcock until the Taiwan legislation was approved.

Church Accedes

Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, chairman of the committee — who had just had lunch with Mr. Carter — said that he favored voting on Mr. Woodcock, but pledged that the Senate would not be asked to vote until after the legislation was completed. This produced the 12-to-1 vote, with Sen. Helms the lone holdout.

Sens. Church, Jacob Javits, R-N.Y., the ranking minority committee member, and Howard Baker, R-Tenn., the Senate minority leader, meanwhile have agreed on a draft security proposal on Taiwan to be appended to the legislation setting up the American Institute.

That legislation is currently unacceptable to the administration, since it contains language taken from the mutual defense treaty with Taiwan that will be terminated at the end of the year.

It says that the United States is detached against Taiwan a common danger to the peace and security of the people of Taiwan and the United States in the Western Pacific and to provide the people on Taiwan with sufficient arms of a defensive character."

It also says that "the United States will maintain its capacity in the Western Pacific to resist armed attack and other forms of external activities that would jeopardize the territorial and functional integrity of Taiwan."

### And Will Help Pol Pot

## Sihanouk Says China Sees A Long War in Cambodia

By Malcolm W. Browne

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (NYT) — China foresees a protracted guerrilla war in Cambodia and expects to supply arms to the Cambodian guerrillas through Thailand, according to Prince Norodom Sihanouk, a former ruler of Cambodia.

Prince Sihanouk made the statement yesterday in an interview at his New York hotel.

"I last saw Teng Hsiao-ping at Blair House on Jan. 31," the prince said. The Chinese deputy premier "told me that he had been assured by Thailand that it will permit use of certain small ports and of overland routes for the transport of Chinese supplies to the Cambodian guerrillas."

The State Department has denied it. "Prince Sihanouk said, 'so it's a question of who do you believe, the State Department or Teng?'"

#### Denial by Premier

State Department spokesman Thomas Reston, questioned about the statement, said that "the Department has not denied it. We have no information to confirm the story, but we note that Thailand's Prime Minister, Pongthorn Charnasand has denied it."

Reached by telephone, an aide to the Thai premier said that Thailand denies any such agreement with China, and adds that the Bangkok government "will not let anyone use our territory for arms shipment."

However, U.S. intelligence analysts have said that they believe Chinese supplies are already reaching Cambodian guerrilla forces through Thailand.

Mr. Kringsack, who is currently in the United States, gave a news conference in Washington Wednesday at which he was asked whether Chinese arms were passing through his country. He declined a direct answer, saying that Thailand "strictly adheres to the principle of not interfering with the affairs of another country."

#### More U.S. Arms

Mr. Kringsack also said that President Carter made a commitment to him to speed up delivery of U.S. arms to Thailand, in view of the continued fighting in Indochina.

A semi-clandestine Chinese arms supply route through Thailand comparable to Viet Nam's Ho Chi Minh Trail through Laos during the last Indochinese war would presumably broaden the current conflict significantly.

A month ago, the Vietnamese Army completed an invasion of Cambodia and overthrew the regime of Premier Pol Pot, installing a pro-Vietnamese and pro-Soviet government in Phnom Penh. Moscow quickly threw its support behind the new government of Heng Samrin, while Peking pledged to supply and support the forces of Pol Pot, which had taken to the hinterlands as guerrillas.

The disclosures of Thailand's possible role in helping the Chinese side and the reaffirmation of the

U.S. security commitment to Thailand have led some Asian diplomats to speculate that the United States is again becoming entangled in an Asian conflict.

#### Great Mistake

"Teng predicted to me that a war in Cambodia would continue for many years, perhaps 20 years. He said that it was certain it eventually the Vietnamese and Russians would be defeated, and said that I was making a great mistake in not joining Pol Pot's cause, Prince Sihanouk said.

The prince spent the last years under house arrest in Cambodia. The Pol Pot government ousted him on the eve of the Vietnamese-led conquest of Phnom Penh, instructing him to represent it at the United Nations and to announce the Vietnamese invasion.

He has been in New York since then. He disclosed yesterday for the first time that he "dreams" of leaving his country again, despite its present distance from that dream.

"I have come to the conclusion," he said, "that Cambodia should be neutralized by an international agreement like the 1954 Geneva agreement on Indochina. From that time on, Cambodia should have no armed forces of its own, only a small police force."

#### Multiparty System

"Its political and social system should be chosen by the people themselves in a referendum. A multiparty system, for the count would be best," Prince Sihanouk said. "If such a situation arose, would like to head a national party in free competition with other parties — parties of Pol Pot, the present pro-Vietnamese ruler, Heng Samrin, even of Li Nol (the general who overthrew Prince Sihanouk in 1970 and ruled with U.S. support until the end of the war in 1975)."

But the prince added, "It's just dream for the present. Neither China on the one hand nor Vietnam and the Russians on the other would accept it."

"Cambodia is a very weak nation at present. It is no longer capable of solving its own problem. Cambodia's fate depends exclusively on China, the Soviet Union and Vietnam."

The prince said that he would live in exile in China from now on.

#### No to California

"I am poor," he said. "I cannot afford to live in France. There are several Americans who have very kindly offered to sponsor me and help my wife and myself live in the United States, but it would mean living in California, somewhere near where Lon Nol lived the man who betrayed and overthrew me."

"China has been my great friend through thick and thin, and if I am going to have to be fed by someone, it would be best that be China," he said.

"I dare to criticize China openly and China continues to respect its independence."

### Linked to A-War Strategy

## Russia Said Building Kuriles Air Bases

TOKYO, Feb. 9 (UPI) — The Soviet Union is constructing three military air bases and five runways on disputed Pacific islands that could be useful to its nuclear-war strategy against the United States, a Japanese newspaper said today.

The Tokyo Shimbun said it obtained classified military information showing one of the air bases to be on Etorofu and the others on Kunashiri.

Etorofu and Kunashiri are two of the Kurile Islands, located north of the Japanese island of Hokkaido. Japan claims sovereignty over Etorofu and Kunashiri — as well as the adjacent islands of Habomai and Shikotan — and has been trying to get them back from the Soviet Union since 1945.

The newspaper said work on the air bases and runways apparently started last summer. It said Japanese military experts are not certain of the Soviet motive.

#### Would Boost Defense

The newspaper said the completion of the air bases would boost Russia's defense line in the Far East, embracing the Kurile Islands, and would keep the Sea of Okhotsk under its control.

It also said long-range missiles fired from there could reach any part of the United States except the tip of Florida.

The Soviet Union seized the islands in the late stages of World War II and recently has begun to upgrade its military facilities there. It has an estimated 5,000 to 6,000 troops based there — compared to 2,000 last May.

The Japanese government has filed an official protest with Moscow over the buildup.

Greek Law to Allow Unilateral Divorces

ATHENS, Feb. 9 (UPI) — The Greek parliament today passed a bill permitting divorce for couples separated at least six years, even if one of the partners is opposed. Until now, divorce in Greece has been obtainable only by common consent or in cases of proven adultery.

The law will remain in force for only six months. Legal experts estimate that more than 100,000 persons may be affected by the law, which the Greek Orthodox church opposes.

Japan Envoy to France

TOKYO, Feb. 9 (UPI) — The government today appointed career diplomat Katsuchi Ikawa, 61, as Japan's ambassador to France. Mr. Ikawa will succeed Hideo Kitahara, who has been recalled home for possible retirement.

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## Sen. Church Protests

## U.S., Citing Secrets, Drops Case Against ITT Official

By Charles Babcock

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (WP) — The Justice Department has dropped its perjury and conspiracy case against International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. official Robert Berrellez because of fears that national secrets would be disclosed at a trial.

Prosecutor John Kotelly announced the decision yesterday at a two-minute hearing before U.S. District Court Judge Aubrey Robinson Jr. He also said the department was reconsidering its position in a companion case against Edward Gerrity Jr., a senior vice president of ITT, and would decide within 10 days.

Mr. Gerrity and Mr. Berrellez, in ITT public relations official, were charged with lying to a Senate subcommittee in 1973 about ITT's involvement with the Central Intelligence Agency in trying to prevent the election of Marxist Salvador Allende in Chile in 1970. Mr. Allende won the presidency but was later killed in a coup.

The government's attempted prosecution of the ITT-CIA interference in the Chilean election has been plagued with national security problems. The department dropped five of the six counts against Mr. Gerrity last summer because of such complications.

## Helms Plea in 1977

In the fall of 1977, former CIA Director Richard Helms was allowed to plead "no contest" to a misdemeanor charge of failing to testify "fully and accurately" to the Senate subcommittee investigating the Chilean affair.

Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, who was chairman of the subcommittee and now heads the full Foreign Relations Committee, said in a statement yesterday that the decision to drop the Berrellez case was outrageous.

Sen. Church said the department's action was based on spurious national security grounds. He noted that the case is six years old and said a trial "might have embarrassed major corporations, the CIA and the Nixon administration."

"But after all the revelations about Chile through congressional investigations, what conceivable national interest is involved that outweighs the demands of justice? I find none," Sen. Church said.

He added that the decision will arm Congress because future witnesses who testify under oath will not be held accountable.

Justice officials insisted that the decision in the Berrellez case does not mean the government is reluctant to pursue prosecutions complicated by national security issues.

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## Polish Premier

## Shifts Ministers

WARSAW, Feb. 9 (UPI) — Three Polish Cabinet ministers took over new offices today in a major reshuffle by Premier Piotr Jaroszewicz.

The premier fired Education Minister Jerzy Kuberski and handed his portfolio to Jozef Tejchma, a former minister of culture. Mr. Tejchma lost his deputy premiership in taking the new job.

Jozef Kepa, an alternate Politburo member and historian, was stripped of his deputy premiership and appointed environmental protection minister. He replaces Poland's only woman minister, Maria Milczarek. Miss Milczarek took over the labor and wages portfolio from Tadeusz Rudolf. The Cabinet changes were approved by parliament.

## Neither U.K. Party Seen With Solution

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Working rights. Strike pay and widespread moonlighting allow many workers to support long strikes.

Union revolts in recent months have exploded the government's role of punishing private corporations which grant big pay hikes, and the wave of public sector strikes will double the 5-percent wage increases planned by Mr. Callaghan. Union defiance has called no question the whole government strategy of curbing inflation with a wage-price policy — the so-called "social contract," which over the last three years slowly improved Britain's economic position.

## Amin Said to View Tanzanians' Defeat

NAIROBI, Feb. 9 (UPI) — Ugandan President Idi Amin visited the Uganda-Tanzania border "war zone" area today and watched his army and air force throw back an attack by invading Tanzanian "forces" and mercenaries, Uganda Radio reported.

The broadcast also said that troops raided "undesirable and subversive elements" in and around the Ugandan capital of Kampala early today, but did not say how many persons were arrested.

that the unusual order was needed so the government could protest in advance if Mr. Berrellez's defense attorney, Patrick Wall, sought to bring up any evidence referring to the location of CIA officers or stations or agency relations with Chileans.

The Justice Department appealed Judge Robinson's refusal to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals here, which turned down the petition last month on the technical ground that it could not review the lower judge's rulings until the trial was over.

"That was a real Catch 22," Mr. Adamson said. "To get the court of appeals review we wanted, we would have had to go through the disclosure at trial we were trying to prevent."

## Legislation Considered

Several department officials said they were considering seeking legislation to solve the problem raised in the Berrellez case. This could include procedures to take such preliminary district court rulings to an appeals court for a decision on the merits or setting up procedures to allow the prosecution a pretrial ruling on the relevancy of sensitive information, they said.

Sens. Joseph Biden, D-Del., and Birch Bayh, D-Ind., both members of the Senate Intelligence Committee, have suggested such legislation to prevent what Sen. Biden refers to as "graymail." This is a practice in which a defense attorney fishes until he finds some sensitive material that the government decides cannot be disclosed at a trial, thus forcing it to drop the case.

The Justice Department officials insisted they did not, as Sen. Church urged, drop the case to save the CIA from embarrassment. "We go behind every assertion of national security by the intelligence community," Mr. Adamson said. "We just don't blindly accept its claim. There are careful, sometimes painful negotiations."

Mr. Heymann added: "I have no doubt Judge Robinson was proceeding in complete good faith. But he couldn't give us the order we thought we needed, and we couldn't play it that loose."

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Mr. Sanchez also denied reports of the existence of secret jails where detainees suffer torture and of a special anti-guerrilla force known as the White Brigade, which has frequently been held responsible

for arresting persons who were later considered to have disappeared.

But the investigation appears not to have convinced the Committee of Relatives of Disappeared Persons. Its leader, Mrs. Rosario Ibarra de Piedra, whose son disappeared four years ago, described the findings as "a farce." Another committee member, Mrs. Laura Saldivar de Gaytan, said she still believed her son, Javier, grabbed by police in September, 1975, was alive because he was seen in a military camp in Mexico City after his arrest.

The committee is particularly indignant that it has not been allowed to study the detailed results of the investigation. "On the first visit, we could read the documents and copy things down by hand," one member said. "But since then, an official merely reads out what it says for each missing person whose file is requested."

In practice, the government admits that it is not sure of the real names or even the whereabouts of the bodies of many of those allegedly killed in battles with the army. "There died Jesus Lopez," Mr. Sanchez said as an example, "but we don't know if that was Jesus Lopez or another person."

As a result, despite a political reform that permitted legalization of the Mexican Communist Party, an amnesty for several hundred political prisoners and now this investigation, the government of President Jose Lopez Portillo can expect continuing pressure, at home and abroad, on the human rights question.

A recent report prepared for the International League for Human Rights ran out, a Labor spokesman said, "but it does not discredit the basic idea."

Now Mr. Callaghan is trying to reach a new government-union pact on wage-and-income policy — a "concordat" (to avoid the discredited term "social contract"). He hopes that it will be a pay bargaining system modeled on the West German method: The unions are included in consultations about the state of the economy, then asked to help enforce agreed wage settlements.

He apparently has in mind an annual round table meeting of government and union officials to produce agreement on a package of wage and social policies.

Mr. Callaghan may be able to sell his platform to the country. As a result of the January revolt, Britain faces a bigger wage bill and higher inflation by next summer, but Mr. Callaghan can argue that his effort prevented a worse situation, that his government bargained hard. If his government can escape parliamentary defeat until autumn, Mr. Callaghan's party — whose economic record is comparatively good over the last three years — may still look like the "natural party of government" in Britain, Labor Party analysts say.



WAREHOUSE FIRE — Smoke trails from fire at Brooklyn pier warehouse storing coffee and ammunition. There were no explosions or injuries. Cause of the blaze was unknown.

## U.S. Condemned for Condoning It

## Mexico Said to Mask Political Repression

By Warren Brown

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (WP) — A national group of labor, civil rights, education and religious leaders has accused the Mexican government of hiding rampant political repression behind its international image as a liberal Latin state.

The Council on Hemispheric Affairs (COHAS) also accused the U.S. government of condoning the alleged political repression by denying asylum to Mexican nationals who claim they are the targets of persecution in their country.

"There is a reluctance on the part of Washington to offend the Mexican government, particularly now that Mexico is a potential large-scale supplier of oil and natural gas to this country," COHAS director Larry Birns said yesterday.

"We realize the importance of continued good relations with Mexico. . . . We feel such flagrant violations . . . transcend political or economic considerations."

At a news conference, COHAS accused the Mexican government

of torturing, wrongfully jailing and occasionally killing political dissidents. The charges, which also have been made by human rights groups such as Amnesty International, were made a week before President Carter is to travel to Mexico for a three-day meeting with President Jose Lopez Portillo.

As examples of the alleged repression, COHAS offered the cases of Hector Marroquin and Jesus Piedra, two former student activists in Mexico.

Mr. Piedra was arrested in April, 1975, and has not been heard from since. His mother, Rosario Ibarra de Piedra from Monterrey, has been leading an international campaign to find out the whereabouts of her son and other student activists who disappeared under similar circumstances.

Mr. Marroquin fled to the United States in April, 1974, after the Mexican government accused him of robbery and murder in connection with his political activities. He has steadfastly denied the charges and is seeking political asylum in

the United States on grounds he faces probable death upon his return to Mexico.

Last Dec. 21, the Immigration and Naturalization Service denied Mr. Marroquin's request for political asylum. The case has become an international cause celebre.

"Human rights to them [U.S. officials], don't exist for me because the U.S. is friendly with the country I come from, and because of my political beliefs," Mr. Marroquin, an avowed socialist, said at yesterday's press conference, which also was attended by Mrs. Piedra.

The INS said it rejected Mr. Marroquin's asylum request because he failed to establish that he is likely to be persecuted in Mexico because of his political beliefs.

"We made that decision solely on the basis of the facts and the information before us," an INS spokesman said yesterday.

Mr. Marroquin is scheduled to appeal the ruling April 3. Besides COHAS, he is supported by Amnesty International, the National Education Association and Reps. Ronald Dellums, D-Calif., and Pat Mitchell, D-Md., members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Rep. Dellums said yesterday that Mr. Marroquin's "real crime is that he had the moral courage to speak out for human rights" against a government that is using "institutionalized terror and violence masquerading as law" to put down dissent.

"There is sufficient hard evidence to prove the existence of the White Brigade and to attribute to this group direct responsibility for the arbitrary detentions of the great majority of these prisoners," the report went on.

"There is sufficient evidence to establish that many of these prisoners have been subjected to physical and/or psychological tortures at the hands of the White Brigade and of other government agencies," it said. "The use of electric shocks, blows, threats of death against detainees and their relatives and so forth are reasonably proven facts."

The government's response, however, has been to deny all these charges. In private, though, senior officials have admitted the existence of the White Brigade, describing it as an elite corps formed in 1977 to combat the extreme left, and they concede that torture sometimes takes place in detention centers, though not as a matter of policy.

## Workers Bar Strike

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live until spring, but said that in order to keep inflation in single figures this year, he would not authorize raises of more than 8.8 percent.

"We can just about scrape the 8.8 percent," he said. "It will not be improved. If they stay out one or two or even three months, I should not be able to come back and say you will get more."

Mr. Callaghan, who has to call an election this year at the end of the Labor Party's five-year mandate, stressed that Britain did not have the wherewithal to grant bigger pay hikes. "We are not doing this for the fun of it but because of the resources we have available," he said.

He spoke shortly after the government increased the minimum interest rate for bank loans to 14 percent, 1 percent short of the record 15 percent imposed during a 1976 sterling crisis.

## Rhodesia Cites Guerrilla Toll

SALISBURY, Rhodesia, Feb. 9 (UPI) — The Military Command today reported the deaths of 40 black nationalist guerrillas, 12 guerrilla collaborators and 7 members of the armed forces.

It was the highest number of guerrilla deaths reported in a single communiqué since Jan. 8, when the command said that 41 insurgents had been killed on Rhodesian soil.

The communiqué today said that 24 of the guerrillas had been killed in one battle. A military spokesman added that the battle had caused no casualties among Rhodesian troops.

## Asked Passports for Killers

## U.S. Envoy Says Pinochet Involved in Letelier Case

By David Burnham

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (NYT) — A senior U.S. diplomat has told investigators that he was informed that Gen. Augusto Pinochet, head of the Chilean government, personally requested Paraguay to provide false passports for two men later charged with the murder of Orlando Letelier, a for-Chilean official.

According to government and legal sources familiar with the investigation of the assassination, George Landau, now serving as ambassador to Chile, told the Federal Bureau of Investigation that a top official in the Paraguayan government had told him that Gen. Pinochet called Alfredo Stroessner, the president of Paraguay, requesting false passports for the two Chilean agents.

During the trial yesterday of three Cuban exiles charged in connection with the Letelier murder, Mr. Landau testified only that he had been informed that the request for speedy action on the passports came from a "high level" of the Chilean government.

## Direct Request

But several persons who have seen the summary of the FBI interview with Mr. Landau said that in it he quoted Conrado Papalardo, a key adviser to Mr. Stroessner, as saying that the request had come directly from Gen. Pinochet.

Sources said that it was at Mr. Landau's request that lawyers for both the defense and the prosecution yesterday refrained from pressing him to repeat in public his earlier statement to the FBI.

Mr. Letelier, an official in the leftist government of Salvador Allende that was overthrown by a junta headed by Gen. Pinochet, in 1973, was killed in Washington in September, 1976 when a bomb exploded in the car he was driving. Ronnie Moffitt, an assistant, was also killed in the blast.

Charged in the killing was Gen. Juan Manuel Contreras Sepulveda, the head of the Chilean secret police, two other Chilean secret police officials and members of a small, violent anti-Castro organization based in New Jersey and Florida called the Cuban Nationalist Movement.

## Major Witness

The prosecution's major witness in the case against the three Cubans now on trial is Michael Vernon Townley, a U.S. electronics agent, who said that he killed Mr. Letelier on the direct orders of the Chilean secret police. In return for testifying, Mr. Townley was permitted to plead guilty to conspiring to kill a foreign official and could

be released from prison in about three years.

According to both the indictment and the testimony of Mr. Townley, he and Capt. Armando Fernandez, an official in the Chilean secret police, flew to Paraguay on July 20, 1976, in what proved to be an abortive attempt to obtain official Paraguayan passports under aliases.

During yesterday's testimony, Mr. Landau, who in 1976 was ambassador to Paraguay, said that Mr. Papalardo informed him that the two men were career army officers whom the Chilean government wanted to send to the United States to investigate whether several corporations established by the Allende regime might be used for "anti-Chilean purposes or terrorist purposes."

## Copies to the CIA

Mr. Landau said that after Paraguay had issued the requested false passports to the two men, he had become suspicious of the entire transaction and sent photographic copies of the documents to the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington.

On Aug. 4, 1976, Mr. Landau testified, he received a message from Lt. Gen. Vernon Walters, the now retired deputy director of the CIA saying that the CIA was unaware of the two men.

"I called Mr. Papalardo and told him to get the passports back, that the visas were revoked," Mr. Landau said.

When the visas were not forthcoming, Mr. Townley testified earlier, both he and Capt. Fernandez returned to Chile. On Aug. 26, Capt. Fernandez allegedly traveled to the United States under a false Chilean passport in the name of Armando Faundez Lyon to begin surveillance of Mr. Letelier.

## Algeria Installs

## New President

ALGIERS, Feb. 9 (AP) — Col. Benjedid Chadli, 49, was inaugurated today as Algeria's third president.

He swore to respect and glorify the Islamic religion, respect and defend the national charter and constitution and laws of the republic, and respect the irreversible character of the choice of socialism.

He was elected Wednesday by 94.23 percent of the registered voters. He was the only candidate, chosen by the Congress of the National Liberation after the death of Houari Boumedienne on Dec. 27.



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## Beginning to Deal With China

Some troubling features appear in the scientific and cultural agreements signed with fanfare by the United States and China last week, although to be sure they are a welcome beginning on regular interchanges. A joint committee will supervise cooperation. The Chinese will buy an U.S. communications satellite and ground stations for intercity telephones and educational television, thus knitting their country closer together and giving our aerospace industry some business. A joint agricultural program will help the Chinese toward self-sufficiency and give our scientists a chance to study unique strains of food plants.

Similar pacts are expected in other areas, all aimed at helping China modernize. Each country is to underwrite its own costs under joint programs and Peking will pay for U.S. technical aid and hardware. The ease of agreement augurs well for the future but both nations may regret aspects of the accord.

The most questionable feature calls for American aid to build a particle accelerator in China for high-energy physics research. This is one of the most expensive and least practical fields of study although it produces Nobel Prize winners and may some day provide a fundamental perception of matter. It is understandable that the Chinese should seek such a status symbol, but it is odd that they should want to play this esoteric research game now with a machine smaller

than those already operating in three other countries.

Then, too, the exchange program is so far weighted heavily in favor of Peking. Some 500 Chinese will come here to study the first year while only about 60 Americans go to China. The disparity arises because the Chinese are eager for U.S. technical education and feel they understand English well enough to learn here. But there are not many Americans who speak Chinese and who have the desire and the money to attend a university system that was fractured by the Cultural Revolution. As the program progresses, more Americans should take the opportunity to study what has been a largely closed society.

Unfortunately, the Chinese are trying, as the Russians always do, to restrict the scope of scholarship. Two American social scientists who sought to do field work — on aging in China and on social change among peasants in a commune — have been denied entry, at least temporarily. Such exclusions should be unacceptable. The Chinese clearly have the most to gain from interchanges in the hard sciences, but they might profit as much from American social research in China as the researchers themselves. In any case, U.S. negotiators should insist, if not on numerical reciprocity, then on a reciprocity of spirit.

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## Tortured View of Israel

The United States has urgent business in the Middle East but none of it justifies a sudden preoccupation with alleged "instances" of Israeli mistreatment of Palestinians. Indeed, the Carter administration has barely recovered its balance in Israel after an unfortunate diplomatic tilt toward Egypt six weeks ago. Now, there seems reason to hope that a Camp David conference of foreign ministers can remove the remaining obstacles to a peace treaty. Why rile the Israelis again and for policies that have been generally exemplary?

We suspect the latest episode involved nothing more than clumsy public relations. Faced with inquiries about diplomatic reports of the mistreatment of some Arab security suspects, the State Department turned to its annual analysis of the condition of human rights in 100 countries. By selectively quoting from the overwhelmingly favorable record of Israeli conduct, it managed to at-

tract unfair attention to some alleged lapses. The report finds no systematic misdeeds and, in fact, praises the Israelis for permitting the Red Cross and others to monitor conditions in the occupied areas, including prisons.

Whatever one's view about Israeli settlements and other claims in the West Bank — we think them misguided — Israel deserves credit for the economic gains and political rights accorded to the often hostile Arab population it has controlled since 1967. There is always room for improvement in such tense settings. There have been ugly episodes and the Israelis have punished their own military leaders for some violations. But it is really so hard for U.S. officials to understand that the Camp David accords and a great deal else in the Middle East vitally depend on Israel's trust in the friendship and fairness of the United States?

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## Constitutional Fail-Safe

Article V of the Constitution includes a fail-safe: If the states think Washington is ignoring the will of the majority, it allows them to call for a convention to propose amendments to the Constitution. The fail-safe has never been used, which is hardly surprising. As elected officials, presidents and members of Congress can be depended on not to ignore the will of the majority. Nothing in American history has brought forth a constitutional convention — not the taming of the continent, not the Civil War, not two world wars, not the economic convulsions of the 1930s.

But now, amid the milder economic turns of the 70s, there is a groundswell for a convention, on behalf of a constitutional amendment to require a balanced federal budget. The idea is endorsed by such presidential aspirants as Jerry Brown and John Connally and some 25 states have petitioned Congress for a convention. Supporters say the number will reach 34 by June; Congress then would have to call a convention or initiate the amendment itself and send it on to the states.

There is no mystery about the fundamental reason for the current agitation. Last fall's election results in California and elsewhere showed that many people are fed up with inflation and high taxes — and blame big government for both. We have recently offered the view that the proposed amendment is bad economics because it would tie governmental hands when budgetary flexibility might be essential to recovery. It seems equally important to state why, in this case, both the idea of convention and the content of the amendment are bad politics — and bad law.

The political point is simply stated: neither a convention nor an amendment is necessary. The politicians have all gotten the tax and spending message loud and clear. Is there any level of government that is not making frugal noises?

On Capitol Hill, members are falling all

over themselves to introduce resolutions, bills and even constitutional amendments to press frugality on the federal government. Hearings are imminent in both houses and advocates of a mandatory balanced budget will have abundant opportunity to argue their case. Congress, too, is being responsive.

But even if, unimaginably, politicians were not behaving politically, there are powerful reasons of law for opposing a constitutional convention: the only sure result of calling one would be confusion. Ratification of any amendment offered by a convention would require the approval of three-fourths of the states. Beyond that, there are no laws, rules or precedents. The Senate debate this week over how many states have already properly petitioned for a convention illustrates the problem.

Would such a convention be limited to the balanced budget question or could other amendments be floated? How would delegates be selected? Could any dependable rules be set in a climate of such likely emotion and partisanship? Even Howard Jarvis, the father of California's Proposition 13, opposes a convention: "It would put the Constitution back on the drawing board, where every radical crackpot or special-interest group would have the chance to write the supreme law of the land."

We fervently hope that, in the end, Congress responds to the discontents in ways that do not jeopardize federal capacity to counteract economic upsets. But whatever the outcome, a larger need is exposed. Efforts to fashion rules for a constitutional convention have foundered, in part for fear that the very setting of rules would encourage resort to the convention. Now, however, events seem to be heading in the other direction. Advocates stimulated by one cause might end up shaping rules that would affect all. Far better that Congress devise such rules deliberately and dispassionately. Otherwise, even a fail-safer can fail.

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### In the International Edition

Seventy-Five Years Ago  
February 10, 1904

PORT ARTHUR — Night attack, followed by battle Japanese strike the first blow! Three of Russia's best ships crippled by the Enemy's torpedoes! Rival fleets in hot duel off Port Arthur! Tsar's sea forces surprised by their adversaries during night! Good marksmanship of Oriental Gunners! Full effects still unknown! — that evening the Russian sailors had chanted their evening prayers, the hymns rolling impressively along the water. Then, after a deep silence, 1 heard three muffled explosions: two Russian battleships and a cruiser hit by torpedoes. War.

Fifty Years Ago  
February 10, 1929

PARIS — Mr. David Sarnoff, vice-president of the Radio Corporation of America, sat calmly in the lobby of the Ritz and discussed the future. Talking pictures, Mr. Sarnoff believes, "are here to stay. And pictures of the future will have color, too. Another thing I am highly interested in is television. It will soon function with the same amount of efficiency and exactness as radio does at present. It is an important development and we are tremendously interested in it. It goes without saying that we are working very hard at it in our laboratories."



## Eurocommunism Alive, Well

By Jonathan Power

LONDON — "The NATO countries have enough economic self-confidence, enough political and social cohesion to keep their system in fair working order without having to resort to military interventions. Per contra, there is no such flexibility in the Soviet bloc because the hegemony of the Soviet Union is based neither on the agreement of the peoples who live under Soviet rule nor on any economic or social strength that could keep the Soviet-ruled territories in a state of good repair. The Soviet substitute for an acceptable social order is crude military power. Soviet dogmatism is empty of content." It is Manuel Azcarate, Santiago Carrillo's "foreign minister" and No.2 in the Spanish Communist Party.

It is taken from a remarkable interview with George Urban to appear in next month's Encounter, timed to influence Spain's crucial first general election under the new constitution on March 1. It is also the part of the interview that Azcarate in an "afterthought" suggested might be better deleted but which Encounter editor, Melvin Lasky, decided to leave in. "We see no reason to support a stratagem of obliterating whole minutes of a tape recording — not in Nixon's case or anybody else's."

It is an interview that deserves to blow the top off the current East-West debate. Its freshness, its intellectual vigor, its imagination, turns the prism of European politics upside down. Incidentally it is bound to win more votes than it loses for the Spanish Communist Party.

### Removal of Causes

Once the Eurocommunists firmly unshackle themselves from their Soviet past, Azcarate argues (and the quotation above shows him doing just that), once the contagion of a liberated Eurocommunism spreads through Western Europe into Eastern Europe, the United States and the Soviet Union will find themselves removed from the battlefield for the European mind. A Europe that was under Socialist rule with Eurocommunists dominant in the East and in alliance with other left parties in the West, would remove the primary causes of East-West tension. "The political and ideological overspill of such a development would reach far beyond Europe, rendering the world's bipolar preoccupations increasingly irrelevant."

The Americans, continues Azcarate, "do not want a Czechoslovakia, a 'do a Czechoslovakia' to the Italians, French or Spanish to keep them in line. And the Soviet Union these days would not dare invade one of its satellites. But if it did attempt to repress this new virus of Communism the Eurocommunists would fight. The Czechs on the night of August 20, 1968 should have fought the Russians. That mistake will not be repeated."

However Azcarate does not stop there. In another of the paragraphs he urged the editor of Encounter to delete he notes "NATO has created a zone of security in Western Europe which shields those countries too (like Spain) which are not members of the alliance. We do therefore enjoy direct protection against the possibility of Soviet intervention. This is a positive fact about NATO."

In short Azcarate's argument seems to be this. A Eurocommunist type of Socialism advances to the point of taking power in Western Europe. The same mixture undermines and transforms the so-called "Socialism" of Eastern Europe. Warsaw Pact and Soviet hegemony are undermined. A pre-emptive strike by the Soviet Union is neutralized by the determination of the Eurocommunists to fight back, protected and supported by the NATO shield, the Third World and China. Soviet power crumbles. The Warsaw Pact disintegrates. NATO, no longer necessary, is disbanded.

### Rosa Luxemburg

This is not a totally original thesis, although it is cast for the first time in the mould of the 1970s. Azcarate is the first to admit that his brand of Socialist transformation is inspired by Rosa Luxemburg, the leader of German Communism in the early years of the 20th century. It was she who warned Lenin that his type of Communism would make the Soviet Union the most tyrannical regime in the world. Dubcek's Czechoslovakia too, although squashed and failed, is the midwife to much of Azcarate's thinking. "Any success the Czechs managed to achieve in reforming Communism was a chal-

lenge to our ability to reform it: their reaction to Stalinism was a prophylactic warning to us."

A third influence, although Azcarate draws back from acknowledging it, is the success of Western Capitalist dominated society. He is prepared to acknowledge that a citizen's freedom to receive and impart information is "infinitely greater under Capitalism in several Capitalist countries than under the Soviet system — and this freedom to inform and to be informed

is, after all, the first condition of democracy." But he is not prepared to conclude, or so it seems, that it is this freedom that has allowed the very cause he fights for to remain alive or to wonder out aloud if that system could offer more than the one he advocates.

The Spanish election will give us the first reading on whether Azcarate's potent new political vision can be sold to a Western electorate. It could be the precursor of many things to come.

## Britain: 'Who Shall Rule?'

By George F. Will

LONDON — Britain has one of the world's longest continuous traditions of politics, but today's strangling struggle with labor unions suggests that the basic political question is unresolved: "Who shall rule?" Royal power had its Runnymede; industrial power was tamed; but unions are untamed.

During a 1912 coal strike, Sir Edward Grey wrote: "Power has passed from the king to the nobles, from the nobles to the middle classes and through them to the House of Commons and now it is passing from the House of Commons to the trades unions." There are unpleasant years before us. Today a businessman says: "The Tories can criticize, but the Trades Union Congress can wreck a government." The current labor troubles, the worst since the 1926 General Strike, may have wrecked the Labor Party's chance of winning the election that must come by mid-November.

The strife will subside, the crocuses will come up, and the sun will come out, the British public, which

is a glutton for punishment, which has an even shorter memory than most public's, and which would be better if it had a shorter fuse, may doze off, again. But today the willfulness of Britain's unions is in flood tide, and it is widely recognized that the nation needs some flood-control measures.

### Source of Funds

The are not apt to come from the Labor Party, which gets most of its funds from unions and gives to unions most of the votes at party conferences. It is less a political party than an interest group mobilized for political action. But it has been aided by the intellectual flabbiness of modern British conservatism. Conservatism is usually anti-theoretical, but British Conservatives have been a bit too proud of having almost no principles to rise above.

Evelyn Waugh complained that Conservatives had never put the clock back a single minute. Actually, they have moved ahead the

VILLAHERMOSA, Mexico — Mexico's oil boom is centered around this city where the states of Tabasco and Chiapas meet at the lower curve or wrist of the Gulf of Mexico, just below the upraised hand of the Yucatan Peninsula.

The Mexicans have been pumping oil around here ever since the beginning of the 20th century, but even early in the 1970s they were getting only about 60,000 barrels of oil a day, and Mexico at that time was importing oil to fuel its developing industries.

Now, as a result of new techniques of geology and of drilling much deeper, to about 4,000 meters through a kind of plastic rock, this 100-mile-square area — the so-called Mexican Southern Oil Zone — is now producing 1,075 million barrels per day of oil and 1.4 billion cubic feet of gas a day. A reporter cannot quite check every gallon and cubic foot, but these are the official Mexican figures.

Any visitor, however, has to be surprised and even stunned by the human energy in these parts. The Mexicans, hoping for a new commercial relationship with the United States, have built an out-sized 48-inch pipeline from this new productive oilfield to Reynosa near San Fernando, 75 miles from the U.S. border — a distance of over 850 miles. And they have done it to the astonishment of almost everybody within a year and a half. They stopped at San Fernando, waiting for political decisions with the United States on whether Washington wanted Mexican gas at Mexico's price.

This question of Mexico's new oil and gas resources will be dis-

cussed but probably not resolved next week when President Carrillo comes to Mexico City for a review of U.S.-Mexican relations with President Jose Lopez Portillo. B Meanwhile the Mexicans are pumping gas and oil, exporting their liquid black gold out of a mode-deep-water terminal off Vera Cruz in supertankers, mainly to Israel, Spain, France, Japan, and also limited quantities to the United States.

And they are building another offshore supertanker loading bay in the Pacific at Salina Cruz, Oaxaca State. Meanwhile, a few observations about this special Southern Zone, Mexico that is now producing percent of the total. On the surface, it looks nothing like the Texas oilfields or the barren desert oilfields in the Midwest around the Gulf. At this time of year, it is as green as Ireland and as swampy as the Mississippi Delta. From a hotel balcony in Villahermosa you can see gas flares blazing in the night, but from the platform from an oil rig outside the city, you see nothing but small banana patches on the edge of the jungle, with an occasional palm-thatched hut, or a rudimentary dwelling populated mainly it seems by children.

Along the one road outside Villahermosa, there is an occasional oil rig standing high out of the jungle. But here are most modern oil drills and electronic and refrigerated control machines in the world, most of them manufactured in the United States.

### Bare Patch

At a bare patch in the jungle between Villahermosa and the petrochemical plant 30 miles away across the border in the state of Chiapas, there was a large scrape area not much bigger than a couple of football fields at a place called all things, Samaria, containing the most modern oil-gas separation plant in Latin America. It operates 24 hours a day, on three eight-hour shifts, with only five men on each shift.

The petrochemical plant, far down the road, looks like that vast tangle of tubes, towers and flaring gas on the New Jersey Meadowlands outside of Newark. But this is still building — with 9,000 construction workers on hand. On a 700-acre square, this so-called Cactus Plant is already while under construction, producing methane, propane, butane, sulphur, benzene, hexane and other petroleum products. And there is no evidence in the countryside about where all these 9,000 people live.

This so-called Southern Zone, although the biggest in Mexico, is only the most productive of the new oilfields. Other fields are being explored along the Guatemala border and in the long peninsula of Baja California on Mexico's west coast.

### Rainy Time

Even in this winter season, the conditions of work seem harsh in the Southern Zone. This is the rainy time, and balancing the low oil pipes on the catwalks of the high oil rigs in the rain and wind of the night shift is a kind of terror. But in this swampy and humid latitude in the summer, when temperatures run over 100 degrees it must be harder even than in the oil fields of Texas or the dry climate of the Middle East.

Nevertheless, there is something in the air here more than the smell of gas and the damp decay of the jungle. There is an excitement of new and hopeful work to do. Even the officials in their modest improvised headquarters along the edge of Cactus Petrochemical Plant and in the offices here in Villahermosa are working to the edge of human endurance.

So short, even if all this new oil does not produce a great many jobs, which is Mexico's main problem, it produces hope that Mexico has a better future, and that it is just on the verge of other new discoveries. For only between 10 and 15 percent of this country has been explored for oil, and this makes many people here think that maybe they will eventually find enough natural resources to keep up with the startling rise of their population.

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**PUCKISH MOOD** — While barges and tugboats are trapped in the frozen inland harbor of Brunswick, West Germany, their crew members engage in a hybrid of ice hockey and soccer.

## Benguela Rail Line Held Unready to Open

By David B. Ottaway

LUSAKA, Zambia, Feb. 9 (WP) — The Benguela railroad, once a main lifeline of three central African countries but closed nearly four years ago because of the Angolan civil war, will not resume its operations across international borders for months yet, according to a visiting Common Market official.

Speaking to reporters at Lusaka airport, Maurice Foley, a senior EEC official for foreign assistance, cited both technical and security reasons for the continuing holdup.

The line was supposed to resume functioning between Angola and Zaire in November, but efforts in this direction never got beyond a formal ceremony marking the reopening of the rail bridge at Dilolo on the Zaire-Angola border. Dissidents fighting the present Angolan government in southern Angola

blew up another bridge and swore never to allow the line to open there. Angola blew up another bridge and swore never to allow the line to open there. Angola blew up another bridge and swore never to allow the line to open there.

Zambia still faces a major problem in getting its copper exports out, and since October it has been sending them through Rhodesia to South African ports.

Among technical problems still to be resolved, Mr. Foley mentioned the need to repair the entire signal system along the line between Lubumbashi and Dilolo, improved efficiency and more rolling stock for the Zambian railroads and beefing up the handling capacity of yards in Zaire as well as in Lubito.

He said that a number of Common Market countries and others were expected to provide loans and technical assistance to get the

Benguela line running again. But he gave no indication about how much the Common Market would invest in the project or a date when the railroad would resume its operations across borders.

### Repairs Studied

Mr. Foley was representing the European Economic Community at a meeting here of Angolan and Zambian officials who have decided to set up a technical committee to study repairs needed on the line and arrange for foreign assistance. Zaire failed to show up for the first in a series of meetings scheduled between now and late March. The next one will be held in Lubito late this month.

Angolan Transport Minister Fernando Muteka denied during the meeting that dissidents belonging to the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, led by Jonas Savimbi, posed any security threat to the railroad.

"The stories that Dr. Savimbi is controlling parts of Angola are false. The security of the line has been guaranteed by the People's Republic of Angola," local press reports quoted him as saying.

## Accedes to Communist Demands

### Italy Cabinet Invites Probe Of Handling of Moro Case

By Henry Tanner

ROME, Feb. 9 (NYT) — The caretaker government of acting Premier Giulio Andreotti today accepted demands by Communists and other political parties for a full-scale parliamentary investigation of its conduct during and after the abduction and slaying of former Premier Aldo Moro.

Acting Interior Minister Virginio Rognoni defended the government and the Christian Democratic Party against charges of inefficiency and undemocratic conduct in their handling of the case and said that the government will not oppose the proposed investigation.

Mr. Andreotti's one-party, minority Cabinet has been acting as a caretaker government since he submitted its resignation Jan. 31 after the Communists withdrew their support. The new controversy over the Moro case is complicating Mr. Andreotti's already-difficult task of trying to form a new government.

Mr. Rognoni cited the arrest of 11 suspects in connection with the abduction and death of Mr. Moro as evidence of the efficiency of the government's anti-terrorist operations. He said that arrest warrants had been issued for 13 other

suspects. In all, 25 terrorists have been arrested in recent months, he told a joint session of the Defense and Interior Affairs committees of the Chamber of Deputies.

He confirmed that a Christian Democratic senator, Vittorio Cervone, and a journalist, Ernesto Viglione, had come to him after Mr. Moro's death last May 9 to report that a dissident member of the Red Brigades terrorist organization had revealed to them the date and place of a "summit meeting" of leading terrorists with two political figures and "a man connected with the Vatican."

The contacts of Mr. Cervone and Mr. Viglione with the Red Brigades were revealed Wednesday in the weekly newsmagazine L'Espresso. Mr. Rognoni said he suspected that the "dissident terrorist" was a fake but, in keeping with the government's policy of pursuing all possible leads, he agreed to put important police forces in place for the projected terrorist "summit."

Shortly before the scheduled date in August, Mr. Cervone and Mr. Viglione reported they had been told the meeting was canceled because the death of Pope Paul VI made it impossible for the "man from the Vatican" to attend, Mr. Rognoni said. This, too, had been in the article in L'Espresso.

He also said that he had ordered an investigation into charges by the "dissident terrorist" that several carabinieri were involved, along with Red Brigades terrorists, in the kidnapping of Mr. Moro and the killing of his four-man police escort last March 16.

The investigation had produced nothing to bear out the charges but was continuing, he said. Mr. Rognoni said that Gen. Carlo Alberto della Chiesa, who is in charge of anti-terrorist operations, held several meetings with Mr. Cervone and Mr. Viglione after their report.

## Swiss Drinking, Smoking More

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Feb. 9 (UPI) — The Swiss are drinking more liquor and wine and smoking more than ever, the Institute for Alcoholism said today.

The institute said that in 1977, the latest year for which full statistics are available, 10,411 liters of spirits were consumed per person, against 10,333 liters in 1976. Per-capita consumption of wine rose to 44.9 liters from 43.5 liters the year before, although beer consumption declined from 71.1 liters to 68.3 liters per person.

The institute said that 4.2 percent of the Swiss population consumed 30 percent of all alcoholic drinks in 1977, meaning that these people drank at least 1 liter of wine, 2 liters of beer or 25 liters of spirits daily. Cigarette consumption rose from 2,537 per person in 1975 to 2,632 in 1977.

## Coastal Boom In U.S. Blamed On Concorde

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (UPI) — A Concorde supersonic flight from London to Washington D.C. was blamed today for causing an earth-shaking boom that residents from New Jersey to Massachusetts thought was either an explosion or earthquake.

"It was a sonic boom type shock in the atmosphere that came from a Concorde that made an unusually late landing at the Dulles Washington Airport," said William Donn, a geophysicist at the Lamont Observatory in Palisades, N.Y.

British Airways later denied that one of its Concorde had caused the boom. An Airline spokesman said that its flight from London had been flying at subsonic speed for at least 10 minutes before the boom was heard.

## Police on Strike In New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 9 (UPI) — New Orleans police went on strike for more pay last night, a week before the city's Mardi Gras celebrations begin.

Members of the Police Association of New Orleans said that they notified the governor's office that the strike began at 8:10 p.m., immediately after all 400 union members present cast strike ballots at a union hall.

If the strike lasts long it would severely cramp the city's ability to cope with the crowds which traditionally throng to New Orleans each year for Mardi Gras. The gala begins Feb. 18 with four parades.

## France Says Drug Arrests Rose by 70% During 1978

PARIS, Feb. 9 (Reuters) — Statistics released by the French Interior Ministry show that about 7,800 drug offenders, including 158 international traffickers, were arrested in France last year — an increase of nearly 70 percent from 1977.

The French police have claimed considerable success in the fight against drug trafficking. Last year, narcotics agents reported seizing about 11 pounds of opium, 81 pounds of morphine, 106 pounds of heroin, 211 pounds of cocaine, more than two tons of cannabis and nearly 12,500 doses of LSD.

Addition to cocaine and heroin were increasing despite difficulties in obtaining supplies, said Detective Superintendent Marcel Boide of the French Narcotics Squad. "Dealers can get up to 1,500 francs (\$352) for one gram of pure heroin on the street and about 500 francs (\$117) for one gram of cocaine," he said. Ten grams of marijuana fetch about \$12 and 10 grams of hashish up to \$60, Mr. Boide said.

These high prices explain the worrying rise in burglaries of pharmacies where addicts can find substitute drugs. There were more than 1,000 such burglaries in France last year, a 65-percent increase from the previous year.

Under French law, the use, possession or minor trafficking of hard drugs brings sentences ranging from two months to 10 years in prison, with possible fines from about \$12 to \$11.7 million. Judges may also order a hospital rehabilitation program.

The law provides for sentences of up to 20 years in prison and unlimited fines for the illegal import, export and production of drugs and all major trafficking in illegal drugs.

According to the Interior Minis-

try, France's domestic market in hard drugs supplied mainly from Thailand via Amsterdam. The Dutch city has replaced Marseille as the hub of international drug traffic, authorities said. Compared to other West European countries, France is said to be affected little by heroin smuggling from the Mideast.

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## 11 Held in Chicago for Trading In Cocaine on Exchange Floor

CHICAGO, Feb. 9 (UPI) — A Chicago Board Options Exchange clerk surrendered to U.S. marshals yesterday, bringing to 11 the number arrested for allegedly trading in cocaine on the CBOE floor.

A group of options traders are suspected of involvement in selling tens of thousands of dollars worth of cocaine at the exchange, where the drug is reported to be a popular means of relaxation.

U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency agents arrested 10 persons — including six present and former brokers — on the floor of the exchange Wednesday. An 11th person, James Matkakis, surrendered to authorities yesterday. He was wanted on a complaint filed by the DEA.

The DEA is still seeking three persons in connection with the cocaine ring, which the agency has been investigating for more than a year.

The exchange issued a statement yesterday, saying that it "deplores" the way the DEA handled the arrests. The statement noted, however, that the CBOE "intends to cooperate fully with the authorities in completing the drug investigation and in no way condones the conduct alleged to have been engaged in by a few."

A federal grand jury Wednesday returned indictments for eight persons — six of whom were arrested on the floor later that day. The seventh surrendered. Two of those indicted are still being sought and a third is not yet in custody.

Stockbrokers Sheldon Stern and Joel Pascal, both of Chicago, faced the most severe charges — conspiracy, using the telephone to make their transactions and possession with intent to distribute about a pound of cocaine.

## But Government Rejects Warning Labels Now Drinking and Birth Defects Linked in U.S.

By Victor Cohn

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (WP) — Federal officials yesterday warned that even mild drinking during pregnancy may be a cause of birth defects, but decided not to order a warning on liquor bottles.

The Treasury Department ruled against a warning label "at this time," although Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Donald Kennedy said 15 months ago that one was needed and asked the Treasury to require it.

Richard Davis, assistant Treasury secretary for enforcement, said the department will reconsider its

decision if an educational plan fails.

"Dr. Kennedy supports their current plan," FDA spokesman Wayne Pines said. "We're prepared to work with them on an educational program."

The Treasury Department, whose Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau regulates whiskey, wine and beer labels, based its decision in part on a report from a three-member scientific panel. One panelist, Dr. Judith Hall, a Seattle medical geneticist, urged a warning label now.

There is overwhelming evidence,

she said, that heavy drinking causes a severe "fetal alcohol syndrome" in one newborn in every 2,000 in the United States. Although firm evidence is lacking, she said, even light drinking probably causes adverse effects in as many as one or two infants in 1,000.

These could include stillbirths and lower birth weights, as well as hyperactivity and behavioral effects, according to some research.

Dr. Sergio Fabro, head of fetal-maternal medicine at George Washington University, agreed that heavy drinking may cause problems in the central nervous system that could produce mental retardation and a "cluster" of facial abnormalities.

Of lighter drinking, he said only that "some toxicity suspicious of or compatible with alcohol toxicity... has been observed" after consumption of an ounce of pure alcohol daily — the amount in two ounces of 100-proof liquor or two four-ounce glasses of wine. "As an intelligent guess," he said, "substantial and serious risk" may begin when a woman drinks three or more ounces of pure alcohol, about three stiff drinks daily.

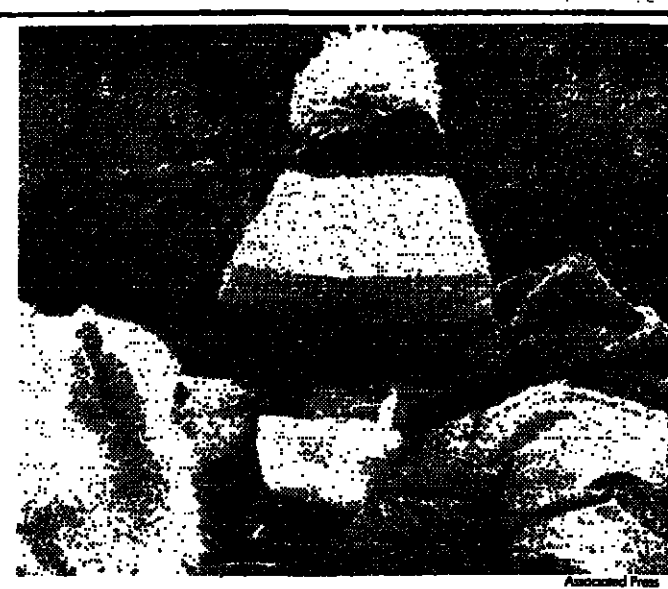
But Dr. Fabro declined to recommend for or against a warning label. And Dr. Amitai Etzioni, a sociologist and head of the Center for Policy Research, said the government should use official warnings sparingly and that more research is needed before it can justify labeling.

For the heavy drinker, the evidence is clear," but for the lighter drinker, it's not as certain, said the Treasury Department's Davis.

"Also," he said, "people may be getting tired of being told by government what to do."

He promised to work with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to get information to women. Any message needs to include nonpregnant women, since the greatest effect on the fetus may take place at the first stage of pregnancy, before a woman knows she is pregnant.

Mr. Davis said there have been talks with the liquor industry to seek cooperation, and the Treasury Department hopes to get warning messages into liquor stores. Asked whether the government would like to get the message into bars, too, he said, "We'll try."



MUZZLE TO MUZZLE — New York boy wears cold-weather mask as his dog nuzzles up to him on blustery day.

## Outspoken Candidates Seek Seats As Haiti Voters Prepare for Vote

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti, Feb. 9 (AP) — Haitians vote Sunday to elect 58 Legislative Assembly deputies following a campaign marked by unusual outspokenness. There has been strong popular response here and in Cap-Haitien, the country's two biggest cities, to candidates who promise to remain independent.

The assembly has been frequently criticized by foreign observers as a rubber-stamp body that routinely endorses plans and proposals of President Jean-Claude Duvalier, as it did those of his father, the late President Francois Duvalier.

There are no political parties in Haiti and open dissent is quickly muffled, although the harshness of the Francois Duvalier years is seen less often. Past candidates for the Legislative Assembly, elected every six years, have been staunch Duvalierists.

In Port-au-Prince rallies have been large for Yves Champagnon 31, a U.S.-educated politician who promises to work for the common people. "I think I am going to win. The common people are with me," he says. He has pressed for reforms in health, education and nutrition.

Western observers say that may be hard to gauge the fairness of the elections since ballots will not be counted until Feb. 18. They say that even if some dissenters are elected to the Legislative Assembly, power will remain in the hands of the president and the Duvalier family, in power since 1957.

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## Australians Arrest 3 Croatian Rightists

SYDNEY, Feb. 9 (AP) — Police raided a house near here today, seized bombs and explosives and arrested three men who police spokesmen said were Croatians who planned to blow up Sydney's water supply.

Police said that the raid followed weeks of investigations. They said that the Croats were members of a rightist movement seeking to overthrow the Yugoslav government.

## Obituaries

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Prof. Dennis Gabor

LONDON, Feb. 9 (Reuters) — Prof. Dennis Gabor, 78, who won the Nobel Prize for physics in 1927, died here yesterday.

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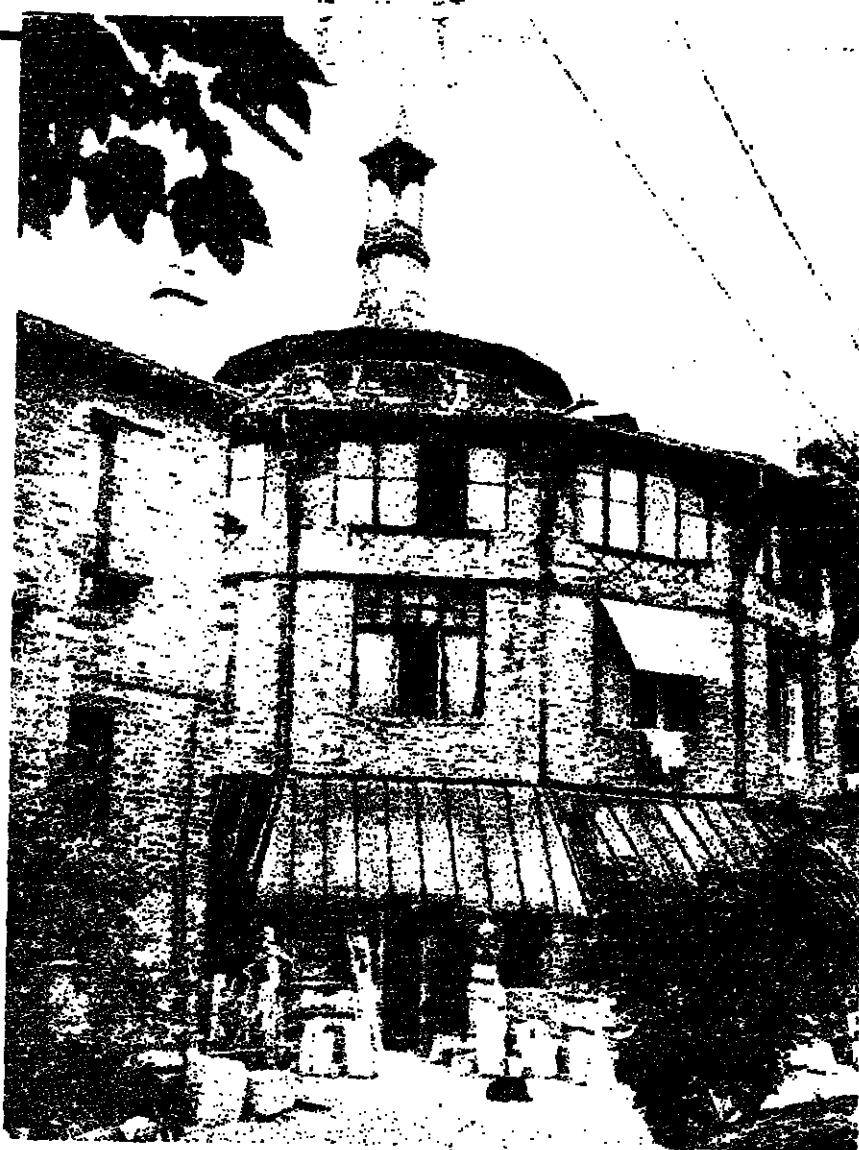
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## The Art Market

Special Silver Sale  
Is Disappointment

By Souren Melikian

PARIS, Feb. 9 (IHT) — Can a young dynamic French auctioneer effectively streamline his methods and achieve corresponding rewards within the present system? The sale conducted Wednesday by Pierre Cornette de Saint-Cyr at the Hôtel Drouot River Gauche, strongly suggests the contrary.

In theory, the auction had been well thought out. Cornette de Saint-Cyr had made an effort to organize a specialized sale focusing on silver. Excepting the first six lots of jewelry, it was entirely devoted to metalware — 13 lots of plated wares, 88 lots of 20th-century silver and 22 lots of antique silver.

The auctioneer had gone to the trouble of calling in one of the experts who regularly appear at Drouot sales, Gerard de Fommerai and two of his younger colleagues Jacques Monnaie and Philippe Serret. Their combined efforts had materialized in the form of a slim catalog with brief descriptions and even one small black-and-white illustration showing the crowning piece, an 18th-century French mirror.

That looks just fine on paper. In real life it is not quite enough. To do the trick, one needs the goods.

## Best Piece Unsold

One can hardly hope to attract an international attendance with a sale of only 22 lots of antique silver of which only one is illustrated, several others being spoons of the early 19th century, in other words unexciting. As a result, the best piece in the sale remained unsold. Illustration notwithstanding, it carries the mark of the Parisian silversmith Antoine-Gaspard Lorret or Lorette: both spellings are recorded) corresponding to 1775 and weighs 4,350 grams. Some minor and invisible damage to the top of the cover and to the fitted vessel inside cannot have troubled potential buyers very much.

The reason it remained stranded at 69,770 francs, against an estimate of 77,000 to 88,000, is chiefly that foreign buyers did not come to such a small sale, which got almost no advertising. As for French buyers, auctioneers have been saying for the last few months that terms of almost every category sold nervously below the 10,000-franc mark, quite well in the 10,000-40,000-franc bracket, and with the greatest difficulty over that. Those who have liquidities of that order have long since invested. Wednesday's failure confirmed the axiom.

It also showed that the better wares sell comparatively less well than inferior pieces. The most desirable pieces sold close to the estimates, which were very moderate. For example a Parisian scalloped dish (820 grams) with a mark dating it to 1783, possibly by Pierre-Edme Benard, brought precisely the presale estimate — 4,640 francs. On other, a very fine pair of dishes (1,250 grams) of almost identical shape done in 1772 by Jean-Louis Forel was knocked down at 3,000. (In both cases the estimates and corresponding prices were lower than normal, owing to initials engraved on the rim at a later date.) Another pair of similar shape but much later date, as proven by the mark of Angélique-Marie Boulon corresponding to 1809-1819, went to a private buyer for 360 francs — 10 percent over the estimate.

Characteristically, the least desirable pieces often exceeded the estimates by half or even more. A Parisian coffee pot and sugar bowl of incredibly contorted shape, made around 1870-1880 (980 grams), were knocked down at 3,600 francs — 50 percent over the estimate. A set of six egg cups in a basket, all done in imitation of basketwork with a London mark of 1853, made a comfortable 4,060 francs against the estimate of 2,320 francs.

Three lots earlier, a rare dish from Augsburg marked L.S. had only made 2,030 francs despite a finely engraved pattern on the rim. But those who attend such sales hardly have any notion of what very good early baroque silver from Germany is all about, while Victorian silver is "decorative" enough to appeal to an inexperienced buyer.

The success of mediocrity versus quality is the worst compliment that can be paid to an auction house. It reflects the level of attendance, which in turn further deters potential sellers who can go elsewhere. This is a vicious circle. Given the present system, it is hard to see what factors could reverse the trend.

On Feb. 19, for example, 31 lots of antique silver will go on the block. None is illustrated in the catalog because few would justify the expense: they are mostly early 19th century. On Feb. 21, more antique silver will follow, including a very fine pair of silver candlesticks done in 1740 by the Parisian silversmith Alexis Loir. Taken together, the wares of the three sales — to say nothing of the silver bound to be sold piecemeal in the meantime at the daily Drouot sales without any catalog — might provide the basis for a decent medium-range auction with one or two real glamorizers.

Alas this is impossible for one simple reason: In each case the auctioneer is a different one. On Feb. 19, it will be one from the team Ader-Picard-Tajan. On Feb. 21, it will be Bernard Jozon. There are 70 auctioneering teams in Paris alone and joint sales appear to be beyond their wishes or abilities.

In this set-up, the incentive for the expert to do exhaustive research is nil — he can hardly afford it anyway. When it comes to silver that is not French, the cataloging becomes hazy, to say the least. The fine Augsburg dish surely deserved better than the copying of the initials of its mark. Some more investigation would presumably tell which firm specializing in the silver trade created the London basket and matching egg cups. A remarkably good Swiss silver marked D.R. made in Murten, could perhaps be traced back to its creator in full letters, and so forth. Needless to say, such trifles can be of interest to those misguided foreigners who buy silver other than French.

At most Drouot silver sales, some real gems are to be found in the catalog — when there is one available — such as this typical line under lot 150 in the sale to be held Feb. 19: "Foreign work of the 18th century. Italy?"

This attitude and these methods have effectively succeeded in turning off those foreign collectors who ever thought of selling their silver in France. Against such odds, the most dynamic auctioneer is helpless. It is the system that is fundamentally wrong.

viewer and smiling at the show unfolding behind it. All of these works are warm, fresh and unspiced. The artists are between 6 and 16.

Tapestries of the Blue Mountain. Lesotho, Galerie La Demeure, 19 Rue Lagrange (3d floor), Paris 5, to Feb. 18.

Lesotho is a small country of 1.2 million people that is technically independent of South Africa. Two-thirds of the male population work in the mines of South Africa. Their families are not allowed to follow them, so the women remain in Lesotho, whose population is predominantly female. The current exhibition is devoted to the production of some of the 20 odd workshops now functioning in the country and working for export. The pieces displayed present mostly scenes of everyday life in a panoramic narrative form and the naïf equivalent of Bruegel's perspective. The work is very neat and the material is appealing. The content is bland, on the whole, though tastefully done with fresh colors and an unselfconscious sense of composition.

Lois Nallard, Galerie Jeanne Bucher, 53 Rue de Seine, Paris 6, to Feb. 24.

In an age in which one knows that much painting yields its contents to a cursory glance, Nallard is something of an exception. These murky abstract canvases interest the eye and mind at a moment when neither seems to have latched onto anything specific or coherent. The dominant tone is a muddy brown which one may not particularly care for. Yet the way the other colors appear within this one mingled with it, and the way the whole thing shapes itself into an order and movement holds one's attention. The eye does not want to leave the painting, no doubt because the mind senses that it has not exhausted the "information" the painting contains, has not gone through the complex relationships that constitute what we recognize here as a good painting.

—MICHAEL GIBSON

## Brussels

Patterned Painting, Palais des Beaux Arts, to Feb. 18.

A pattern is a pattern is a pattern. Gertrude Stein might have said but probably didn't. A pattern is a repetition of a linear theme or a color spectrum or an assembly of flecks and tucks and stripes and squares and circles and flowers and images of any sort into ordered regularity or casual neighborliness; it can be a subtle interweaving of symbols and hieroglyphics in hypnotically rhythmic form all set to continue through eternity.

The exhibition of patterned painting at the Palais des Beaux Arts has all kinds and conditions of pattern rampant across the walls in the form of collages with material swatches, painted silk scarves; flat steel squares; paint on canvas or paper or fabric. Those artists who explain their involvement with patterning as a simple taste for fun, for color, for folklore and funkiness, avoid the trap of overkill and spotlight the true charm of much of the work on show, its flamboyant appeal to the eye. Matisse, Dufy, Vuillard and many others may indeed have incorporated variegated pattern into their paintings but only as a part of a planned composition and not as an end in itself; here, pattern is all and inevitably it is vulnerable to comparison with textile and wallpaper decorative design.

This show centers on eight American artists stimulated by the colors and light and living patterns in daily life scenes in the United States and particularly on the West Coast.

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Ballooning  
Hot-Air Week Opens Today in Switzerland

By Calla Corner

CHATEAU D'OEX, Switzerland, Feb. 9 (IHT) — Tomorrow at 11:30 a.m., David Niven, who went around the world in 80 days in a Hollywood balloon and then wrote about it in his autobiography, will give the starting shot from a balloon for the first international hot-air balloon competition to be held in this Swiss town, where he is a resident celebrity.

Eight balloonist teams from France, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, England, West Germany, Luxembourg and Switzerland will take off at the shot of Niven's pistol in a hare-and-hound pursuit of Hans Buker, a German balloonist. This exercise will be the first in a weeklong series of events that will include more hare-and-hound chases, long and short distance disciplines, landings on the surrounding 3,000-meter peaks, parachute jumps and races combining ballooning and skiing. The public is invited to follow the events on foot, ski, horse or whatever.

Tomorrow's hare, who calls himself an economist turned balloonist, has logged more than 700 hours in balloons. Last summer, Buker settled in Chateau d'Oex, fascinated by the opportunities that the region's surrounding peaks and unusual crosscurrents offered for ballooning. The 39-year old professional balloonist says he took the wind out of the Swiss authorities when he asked for a working residence permit because they had no allocation for professional balloonists. "But the permit came," he said, "and probably because the local tourist office saw in me a chance to make Chateau d'Oex into a holiday ballooning center."

Buker grew up in Dortmund, which has been a popular ballooning center for 70 years, since natural gas was discovered there. He was one of the first Germans to experiment with hot-air balloons in the late 1960s. "They have advantages over helium balloons," Buker explained. "First of all, it takes a

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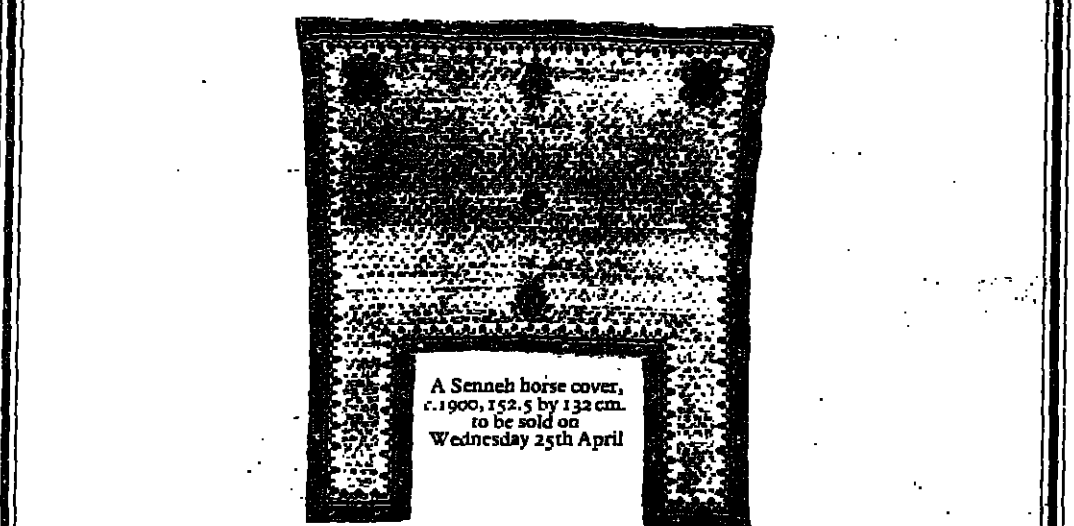
MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union is sending 100 treasures of Russian art from the Kremlin museums to be put on display at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art in May, St. Petersburg reported.

Among the objects to be shown are icons, embroidered fabrics and costumes, weapons, armor, jewelry, and gold and silver cups. The origins of the works range from the 12th century to the early 20th century.

## Belgian Prize

BRUSSELS (IHT) — Belgium has set up a King Baudouin International Prize for outstanding contributions to Third World development that improve relations between the developing countries and industrial nations. The prize, 3 million Belgian francs (about \$1,000,000), will be awarded to an individual or an organization every two years starting in 1980 — Belgium's 150th anniversary and King Baudouin's 50th birthday. The prize will be awarded by the King Baudouin Foundation in Brussels.

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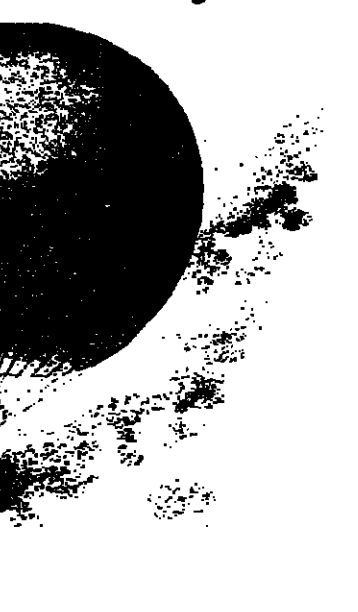
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made the first balloon crossing of Lake Geneva, taking off from the golf course at Lausanne and landing in the yard of a chalet near Evian, where a champagne party was in full swing. Buker and his American co-pilot, Eric Ingwersen, joined the party and then packed up their balloon and returned to Switzerland.

Buker has already established a regular tourist run at Chateau d'Oex with 3 balloons and says that he will take anyone up who doesn't have a heart condition, has a warm parka and boots and wants to see the Alps as few people have. Because of the ease with which one can prepare a hot-air balloon and the fact that a trip in one is relatively short (60 air kilometers and 1½ hours) people who would never have thought of taking a ride in a balloon are doing so.

Buker, himself, is going to have a bit of excitement on Feb. 18, when he picks up in flight the 20-year-old delta-winged grandson of August Piccard (the inventor of the pressurized cabin, who held his first trials in a balloon over Belgium in 1931), and if weather permits, he will attempt a night flight on Thursday that will be visible by the balloon's flame. "I can't sleep anyway when there's a full moon," he said, "so I might as well go flying."

## Speech

## Putting the Accent on Losing It

By Alan Maltin

LOS ANGELES — "Dat's not me, docta . . . Dat's not my voice. Ya must be playing da machine at da wrong speed."

Morton Cooper was demonstrating the sound he said has grated the nerves of more persons than perhaps any accent commonly heard today — New Yorkese — and how his clients react to hearing their own voices.

Cooper, a speech pathologist with more than 20 years of experience working with voice, speech and accent problems, has developed a specialty in helping persons lose their accents by changing their own voices.

Thousands of persons each year who decide they can no longer stand to hear themselves talk seek help, said Cooper, who handles about 40 to 50 cases annually. "People want to be accepted," Cooper said. "Once you're in this area it's not very desirable to have this accent. . . . Most people want a nonregional presentation."

The California accent, if indeed there is such a thing, has come into vogue, Cooper said. "The hedgepodge of regional U.S. accents get mixed together here so that native Californians 'sound like they come from nowhere.'"

"When I came out here 10 years ago," said Judy Kay, a teacher who is a native New Yorker and former Cooper client, "I had a very thick accent. The kids in class would mimic me. . . . When I first heard myself on tape, I couldn't stand what I heard."

"Now I've changed, with the help of several years of voice coaching."

You might be able to tell I was from New York, but at least I don't sound like I just came from Yonkers."

Accent problems, can present more than minor social problems, Cooper said.

A high-ranking executive with a large corporation once came to Cooper to help change his accent because it sounded threatening. "He sounded like a Mafia boss," Cooper recalled, "and he didn't want to put up with it anymore."

Some, he said, do not really need help and would be better off leaving their voices alone. "I had one Frenchman come in. He had a charming accent. He sounded like Charles Boyer, and I told him to forget it. He sounded great."

"I changed my wife's voice," he said a bit remorsefully. "She had a beautiful Kentucky accent. At least now I can listen to her parents when they visit."

In some cases, particularly with actors and actresses, he helps clients maintain an accent or speech pattern for which they are known.

Actually, losing an accent is not difficult in most cases, he said. The key is that he does not really change the accent, but the voice.

"They feel kind of naked. They have to be guided with understanding, compassion, and reassurance that it's good, right and acceptable," he said.

A large number of clients want the change in voice to be gradual over several months so few will notice. And several refused to be interviewed on the subject.

"They have a new identity and they don't want to reveal the old one," Cooper said.

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## New Orders Up 2.3% in W. Germany

**Validates Optimism  
Expressed in Bonn**

BONN, Feb. 9 (Reuters) — Incoming orders to West German manufacturing industry rose 2.3 percent in December from the previous month, confirming the upward course the economy has taken since the summer, officials said today.

The data released today followed similar rise in November over October and comes after news earlier in the week of a 1.67-percent gain in industrial production in December for the 0.84-percent increase the previous month.

The monthly production and order figures, along with the corporate investment intentions revealed by the Munich-based IFO Economic Research Institute's monthly test of the business climate, show most early the extent of the current recovery. This also explains the relative optimism of government forecasts for 1979, the officials said.

Yesterday's debate in the Bundestag (lower house) on the government's economic report for 1979, economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff underlined the positive trend in recent data, adding that external factors present the only real threat to the recovery.

### Business Climate Satisfying

The government projects 4-percent growth this year after almost halving last year's 3.5-percent target. The latest "IFO test" of the business climate shows business prospects remain satisfying and company expectations for the next 12 months are moderately optimistic. Despite the recent six-week lull in the steel industry, there is no deterioration of opinion in December and the level of activity in the next three months is clearly expected to expand, IFO said.

Despite the strike, production by manufacturers in December rose 5 percent, while makers of primary and producer goods booked 0.5 percent more orders. But as the economics Ministry pointed out today, the very lively order activity in the last months is most clearly seen in the investment goods sector, which showed a 5-percent rise in November-December against September-October. The recent monthly IFO report said this sector maintained the satisfying view of the previous month, with orders likely to rise further.

On the domestic front, the harsh winter weather has had a greater impact on statistics than the steel strike, with December production of the building sector falling 5.5 percent. Similarly, the rise of 4,600 to 1.7 million in the number of January unemployed, in absolute and percentage terms the highest since 1975, was attributed to severe weather.

However, the government sees it as only a temporary aberration which does not alter the basic improvement in the employment situation it expects for this year, the officials said. The government expects average unemployment to be only 6.5 percent by the end of the year, dropping to just under 4 percent of the working population in 1979. The cold winter also has an impact on prices, though any setback is likely to be ironed out during the course of the year, the officials added.

In yesterday's parliamentary debate, Mr. Lambsdorff stressed a main threat to the domestic economy comes from the outside. The rate of economic growth in West European countries, and the currency markets, a rise in protectionism and the political uncertainty in such countries as Iran and Turkey are the unknown variables which could upset the government's targets for this year, he said.

West German Trade and Industry Association (DIHT) executive director Brocher recently said the economic recovery is gaining breadth in more and more sectors showing an upturn and with a clear tendency towards greater self-protection.



Zoltan Merszei

## PEOPLE IN BUSINESS

Dow Chemical board chairman Zoltan Merszei, widely credited for having guided Dow's successful expansion abroad, is leaving the company where he started 30 years ago after fleeing Hungary. His exit was not entirely unexpected. In 1976 and 1977, during which he served as president and chief executive of the diversified chemical and pharmaceutical concern, earnings fell. Dow is unaccustomed to such moves, so last May the directors moved Paul Orefice into the president's spot and moved Mr. Merszei into the chairman's. Mr. Merszei said: "I have not been satisfied with the role of board chairman, and so I am stepping aside." His salary last year was \$520,000 and in 1977 it amounted to \$492,000. As of March, 1978, he also owned 120,000 shares of Dow common stock, worth about \$3.09 million.

With his departure, Dow directors had to entice another executive into the chairmanship, and that meant redefining the job. The new chairman is Earle Barnes, who has been serving as executive vice president and a likely key executive to Mr. Orefice as chief executive.

Wollaston Morin, director of budgets and financial affairs for Sheraton Corp., has been named senior vice president and controller for Sheraton Management Corp. in Brussels, and an assistant controller for its parent company, Sheraton Corp.

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Alden Brewster has been named head of First Chicago's international loan syndication business based in London, replacing Karl Zeigler who will now head the bank's government relations and special project group.

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## Company Reports

Revenue, Profits in Millions of Dollars

Studebaker-Worthington			
4th Quarter	1978	1977	
Revenue	407.60	305.80	
Profits	20.65	18.68	
Per share	1.44	1.08	
Year	1978	1977	
Revenue	1,420.	1,190.	
Profits	119.93	69.24	
Per share	8.06	4.37	

United Telecommunications

4th Quarter	1978	1977	
Revenue	387.50	321.90	
Profits	42.45	34.68	
Per Share	0.68	0.57	
Year	1978	1977	
Revenue	1,085.	951.53	
Profits	160.32	136.92	
Per Share	2.60	2.29	

Williams

4th Quarter	1978	1977	
Revenue	340.6	235.1	
Profits	126.7	144.03	
Per Share	0.05	0.53	
Year	1978	1977	
Revenue	1,500.	1,050.	
Profits	12.85	66.42	
Per Share	0.47	2.44	

Japan

Half Year	1978	1977	
Revenue	1,350.00	1,260.00	
Profits	42,390.	55,750.	
(Figures in Yen)			

Sweden

Year	1978	1977	
Revenue	2,300.	2,170.	
Profits	99.4	138.6	
(Figures in U.S. dollars)			

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## Japan Firms Intensify Petrochemical Race

By Henry Scott-Stokes

TOKYO, Feb. 9 (NYT) — Japan's three big industrial groups — Mitsubishi, Sumitomo and Fuyo — are racing to complete rival huge petrochemical complexes overseas in a fight for a share of the buoyant foreign market, industry sources said today.

Sumitomo Chemical has announced that a group of 24 Japanese firms will build ethylene and other plants on Merbau Island off Singapore in an equally split \$900-million joint project with the Singapore government. Late in January, Mitsubishi revealed that 54 Japanese firms formed a company to undertake a feasibility study for a \$1.25-billion petrochemical project with the equal participation of the Saudi Arabian government at Al Jubayl on the Gulf.

These moves follow reports that a joint Mitsui Group/Iran \$3.4-billion petrochemical complex under construction at Bandar Shapur on the Gulf is running into trouble, although "75 percent completed" according to Mitsui. A Mitsui spokesman denied press reports that construction on the project, Japan's largest overseas, has been "frozen" after political strife disrupted the Iranian economy late last year.

Mitsui's rivals Mitsubishi and Sumitomo have taken advantage of the delay to push forward elsewhere in more stable countries. All the Japanese groups propose petrochemical complexes that center on 300,000-ton annual capacity ethylene plants with satellite by-product plants. But a Sumitomo spokesman said that there was a "major difference" between its Singapore plant and the two Middle East projects.

"Ethylene turned out in Singapore will not be sold on the market, as reportedly planned by Mitsui and Mitsubishi," he said. It "will go directly to other plants there for conversion into naphtha and other products." The industrial logic behind the overseas investments — backed by the Japanese government in all cases though in different forms — is to put crude-oil processing plants closer to oilfields and cut costs with cheaper labor.

The Japanese government welcomes the expansion because it gives Japan a share in overseas economies. Moreover, Japan gets drawn by Arab producers at the peak of the embargo.

Except for rising prices, oil consumers have not felt any impact so far. "If there isn't any improvement in Iran by spring, consumers could be affected as early as early summer," says John Liechblau, executive director of the Petroleum Industry Research Foundation.

But even if peace comes to Iran sooner than spring — and the army goes back to its barracks, the workers return to their jobs and the new government commits itself to a crash program to restore oil exports — experts say the Iranians would not be able to increase petroleum production to any reasonable level for four months. Even then, because of the deterioration that is believed to have taken place in the Iranian oil fields, output could be expected to reach possibly only 4 million barrels daily (MBD), two-thirds of what it was.

There is a cushion, meantime, for the world's oil consumers. Production has been increased enough outside Iran — in Mexico, the North Sea, elsewhere in the Middle East and in North Africa — to offset about one-half the loss in Iranian oil. More importantly, there were huge inventories of crude oil and petroleum products in the major consuming nations — several months' stored supplies in many areas — when the crisis began.

But the heavy drawdowns of inventories — around 4.5 MBD at the moment, or some 2.5 MBD more than the seasonal norm for the peak demand period of winter — could spell trouble later, particularly if the Iranian crisis continues.

Meanwhile, Gen. Sanchez said that Peru would increase its petroleum production to more than 200,000 barrels a day this year and will sell most of the surplus to Japan and the United States. Current production is 154,000 barrels a day, of which 130,000 barrels go for domestic consumption, he said.

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## U.S. Drops Suit Against Asia Banker

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9 (AP-DJ) — Bank fraud charges against Asian financier Amos William Dawe were dismissed here yesterday at the request of the Justice Department, which asked for the ruling "in the interest of justice."

Sources have been saying for months that the Singapore businessman, whose southeast Asia conglomerate had been mostly financed by the Soviet Union's Moscow Narodny Bank, would not be prosecuted because of alleged connections with the Central Intelligence Agency, but U.S. Attorney William Hunter called such an idea "preposterous."

Mr. Dawe, 45, surrendered to U.S. authorities last September to face a 1977 indictment that he defrauded three California banks — Tahoe National, First National of Fresno and Peninsula National — of \$1.3 million in 1974 and 1975, when he briefly controlled, and was attempting to buy, them.

In a five-minute court session, an assistant U.S. Attorney requested dismissal of two remaining charges against Mr. Dawe (two others had been dismissed earlier), saying "newly discovered evidence" necessitated the ruling.

The government did not say what that evidence was, but noted that the dismissal was "without prejudice," allowing for a possible future indictment.

Asian Empire

In the early 1970s, Mr. Dawe built up a continent-spanning conglomerate valued at more than \$100 million through Mosbert Holdings, a Hong Kong-registered company. His principal source of funds was the Singapore branch of London-registered Moscow Narodny Bank, which had lent Mr. Dawe about \$70 million by the end of 1975, when his empire began collapsing and the bank suddenly called in his loans.

His companies are being liquidated by a court receiver in Hong Kong. Banking sources estimate that Moscow Narodny stands to lose between \$50 million and \$100 million on the loans. They say its Singapore branch incurred such large losses that it did not show a profit for 1976 and 1977. Chinese press reports accused Russians of trying to infiltrate Hong Kong and other parts of Asia through the liberal credit policies of Moscow Narodny (IHT, Oct. 13, 1978).

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## Occidental Has Oil Find in Peru

LIMA, Feb. 9 (AP-DJ) — Occidental Petroleum has discovered a major new oil-bearing structure in the jungle of northern Peru, the government reported today.

Energy and Mines Minister Juan Sanchez Gonzalez said Occidental had drilled into a structure with reserves estimated at 80 million to 100 million barrels of light oil. A deposit of 100 million barrels, if confirmed by independent engineers, would represent an 18-percent boost in the country's proven reserves, estimated by Peru at 539 million barrels, and would be the biggest producing field found in the jungle so far.

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## Taking Greater Share of Capital

## Debt 'Crowding Out' Stocks

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (AP-DJ) — "Crowding out," a situation in which government demands on the credit markets become so great that they block access to credit by corporations in the private economic sector, was a topic of considerable dispute a few years back. Now, a provocative analysis by Robert S. Salomon Jr., research director of Salomon Brothers, suggests there is an even more insidious kind of crowding out occurring at the expense of the stock market.

The new debt creation needed each year to fuel the economy is so vast, he said, that it will crowd out the equity market. The debt will be financed, at whatever level of interest rates is necessary to accomplish that, and this will happen at the expense of stocks.

Mr. Salomon agrees that historical comparisons of price-earnings ratios, book values and dividend yields lend credence to the view that "stocks are cheap." But his own studies of the magnitude of the credit problem created by inflation lead him to conclude that "the equity market may, indeed, stay cheap until we can solve, or at least reverse, the current inflationary trend."

### Equity 47.5% of GNP

Mr. Salomon related total debt and total equity values to gross national product in current dollars. While economists often strip inflation out of the GNP figures to arrive at "real" growth, for Mr. Salomon's purposes it is credit demand in today's dollars that counts. "It is nominal growth that must be financed," he said, inflation or no.

At first, his comparisons seem just another illustration that stocks are historically cheap: the total value of stocks fluctuated between 75 and 110 percent of nominal GNP over most of the postwar period while nominal GNP was growing 8 to 10 percent a year. At year-end 1978, equity was an abnormally low 47.5 percent of nominal GNP.

"What hasn't been so obvious and, indeed, is quite troublesome, is that it is taking proportionately more debt to produce GNP growth. In effect, the efficiency of debt is declining and nothing currently seems to be occurring that would suggest a reversal of this pattern. In fact, continued deterioration in debt efficiency would appear the more logical conclusion," he said.

In 1968, for example, with GNP at \$869 billion, and equities totaling \$976 billion, debt outstanding

totalled less than \$1.3 trillion. At that point, it was taking about \$1.49 of debt to produce \$1 of GNP. Similar ratios prevailed through much of the 1950s and 1960s. By end-1978, however, the picture had changed radically. GNP stood at \$2.1 trillion, stocks were valued at an estimated \$1 trillion, debt had ballooned to \$3.35 trillion and it took \$1.59 of debt for each GNP dollar.

### Debt Growing Faster

The problem for the stock market, as he sees it, is that 10 to 12 percent GNP growth means annual increases of \$210 billion to \$250 billion in nominal GNP. "This implies, perhaps even guarantees, net new debt creation of at least \$335 billion to \$400 billion," he said. "As a matter of fact, our specific preliminary estimate for 1979 is \$389 billion of credit expansion."

"To put this in perspective," he said, "the total net addition to debt will amount to almost 40 percent of the current \$1 trillion market value of all outstanding stocks. If you picture an aggregate domestic portfolio of financial assets consisting of \$3.4 trillion of debt and \$1 trillion of equity, with the debt side increasing \$400 billion a year and the equity portion growing (through new flotations) at a modest \$8 billion, you begin to have some understanding of the magnitude of the problem the equity market faces."

How can credit demands crowd out stocks? "New debt issues are priced to sell," he said. "If the debt won't sell at one level (of interest rates), it will be repriced at another, higher level to insure its placement. This repricing has an impact on the prices of all other financial assets, specifically stocks."

In this context, he is not surprised that price-earnings ratios of stocks remain relatively low. "That's what the price-earnings shrinkage is all about," he said. Nor is he impressed by the de-emphasis of equities in institutional portfolios in recent years to about 50 percent of assets from 70 percent.

"It's certainly low relative to 70 percent, but it isn't low in view of the problem. There's a widespread belief that there is large latent buying power for stocks, but I would suggest that most of this cash is already committed because the debt will be created and it will be bought."

## Big Board Prices End Narrowly Higher

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (IHT) — The New York Stock Exchange added to yesterday's modest gain in quiet trading, the first consecutive advance in two weeks.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose to 822.33, up 3.46. Advancing issues led declines 674 to 562 as turnover rose to 24.35 million shares from 23.36 million yesterday.

Analysts said the steady dollar and a drop in gold prices aided sentiment, as did a fall in the basic

money stock reported yesterday.

Citibank also joined three other major banks by cutting its prime lending rate to 11 1/2 percent from 11 3/4.

However, Federal Reserve chairman William Miller said in a press conference in Los Angeles that it is premature to assume a shift downward in interest rates and there is no indication from the Federal Reserve that it will lessen any credit restraints. Mr. Miller said that recent declines in the prime rate reflect seasonal demand and supply.

The market weakened during the last hour on caution by traders ahead of the weekend, but firmed again in the final minutes. Many institutional traders will be out of the market Monday, a bank holiday in New York, when President Carter is scheduled to hold a news conference.

Analysts said the big rise in the U.S. producer price index was discouraging but widely expected. One analyst noted that "with the market now in oversold territory, it is less vulnerable to negative news."

Tecor was most active, and up one to 31 1/2. American General Insurance proposed a merger for about \$35 a share in cash or stock.

Oil, gas and coal issues continued to benefit from expected higher fuel prices. Among the active, Occidental Petroleum rose 1 1/2 to 19 1/4, Exxon 3/4 to 50 1/4 and Eastern Gas and Fuel one to 18 1/4.

Santa Fe International raised the quarterly dividend and added one to 27 1/2. Superior Oil jumped nine to 32 1/2, Mobil 1/4 to 70 1/4 and Marathon Oil 1/4 to 58 1/4.

Active Sears Roebuck eased 3/4 to 20 1/2. It will offer \$500 million of notes in minimum denominations of \$1,000 to attract its credit customers. Levitz furniture ended talks on its acquisition by an investor group and major holders. It fell 2 1/2 to 18 1/4.

McGraw-Hill gained 1 1/2 to 30 1/4. A New York court ordered the company to show why it should not transmit to its shareholders American Express Co.'s \$40 a share merger. (Continued on Page 12, Col. 8)

## Prices Rise 1.3% in U.S. In January

**Kahn Describes Jump  
As Very Disturbing**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (IHT) — Paced by a sharp rise in the cost of beef and veal, U.S. wholesale prices climbed 1.3 percent in January — up sharply from December's 0.8-percent rise and the largest gain in more than four years, the Labor Department reported today.

Consumer food prices at the wholesale level rose 1.8 percent, following a 1-percent gain in December, while the increase in the prices of other finished goods accelerated to 1.1 from 0.8 percent. The intermediate goods index increased 1.2 percent after a 0.7-percent increase in December, while the rise in wholesale prices of crude goods skyrocketed to 2.4 from 0.5 percent.

The department said for the first time in more than four years, all major components of its index — finished goods, intermediate goods and crude goods — rose by at least 1 percent.

Alfred Kahn, Chairman of the Council of Wage and Price Stability, called the rise very disturbing.

The 1.3-percent rise was the worst one-month performance since the 2-percent gain of November, 1974, the department said. The 1967-based wholesale price index stood at 205.3 last month, up 9.8 percent from January, 1978. Wholesale food prices are 12.9-percent above a year ago.

News of the price increase was credited with causing the dollar to decline against major currencies in European foreign exchange markets. However, the price of gold also slumped.

The dollar slipped 45 points against the Deutsche mark to 1.8465 DM from 1.8510 late yesterday. The dollar fell to 1.6607 Swiss francs from 1.6615, and to 4.2445 French francs from 4.2520. Sterling closed at \$2.0015, down from \$2.0030.

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## Lafleur Powers NHL Star Squad Past the Russians

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (AP) — Guy Lafleur of the Montreal Canadiens scored a goal and set up another in a three-goal first period that carried the National Hockey League All-Stars to a 4-2 triumph over the Soviet Nationals in the opener of the Challenge Cup series last night.

The NHL stars, who first practiced together just three days ago, also got a goal and an assist from Mike Bossy of the New York Islanders. They dismantled the precision passing attack that was supposed to have been the big Soviet weapon.

By the time the Russians mustered an offense, they were trailing. Lafleur connected with a sharply angled 10-foot shot just 16 seconds after the opening faceoff, capping the play with two flicks that dropped the Soviet goalie, Vladislav Tretiak, to the ice after Lafleur accepted a perfect pass from Philadelphia's Bobby Clarke.

And on a power play 5:06 later, Lafleur fed Buffalo's Gil Perreault. The Sabres' center did the work, beating defenseman Zinetula Bilyaletdinov and Vasilii Pervukhin before finding Bossy for a five-foot tap-in.

### Slow in Shooting

The Russians did not get a shot at goalie Ken Dryden until 9:45, when Helmut Balderis took it from 30 feet. At 11:25, Dryden kicked out a shot by Valeri Vasilyev direct-

ly in front of the net. But Boris Mikhailov — who at 34 is the oldest player on the Soviet roster — swept a 10-foot shot into the vacant corner behind Dryden's left ankle on the rebound.

Bob Gainey of Montreal made it 3-1 at 15:48, sweeping down his off-wing past Soviet defenseman Sergei Starikov and lofting a 20-footer over Tretiak's left shoulder.

Then, at 18:14 of the second period, Clark Gillies of the Islanders — an aggressive body-checker all night — bashed a Soviet defender off the puck behind the Soviet net and sped in front to back-hand a 15-foot shot past Tretiak for a 4-1 lead that nullified Victor Golikov's tally at 3:02 of the third period.

### Only 4 Defensemen

The NHL squad used only four defensemen: Montreal's Serge Savard paired with Colorado's Barry Beck and Montreal's Larry Robinson teamed with Toronto's Borje Salming.

They tired noticeably from the pace of the contest but held on to thrill the 17,438 spectators who paid from \$15 to \$25 per ticket. The crowd included Gordie Howe, one of the game's greatest players, and Howard Baldwin, president of the World Hockey Association.

The series continues with games tomorrow and Sunday, both at Madison Square Garden.

## A Slugger With Values

## Rice Can Also Hit From a Tee

By Dave Anderson

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (NYT) — If it's true, as Scottish shepherds first professed, that a person's character, for better or worse, is exposed in a golf course, then Jim Rice of the Boston Red Sox is a gentleman millionaire of a quiet pride, silent determination and thoughtful blurt. He obviously is also a juggler with a sense of professional aloofness.

As much as he enjoys golf, befitting someone capable of crashing a 400-yard tee shot as well as a 400-foot home run, he had to decline an invitation to compete in the Bing Crosby National Pro-Am tournament with Bobby Wadkins, the touring pro, as his partner. Instead he attended a Baseball Writers' dinner and received the American League's Most Valuable Player award.

Rice soon will be regreting his powerful home run swing in spring training but at every opportunity in the off-season he has been grooving is powerful but not polished golf swing.

### Strong Reputation

One of those opportunities occurred recently when Rice played the annual Super Bowl celebrity tournament. He arrived with the reputation of being able to hit his drives "longer than anybody on the tour," according to Lou Graham, the 1975 U.S. Open champion who played with him in a pro-am last year.

"He's not longer every time," Graham had said. "But he drives it every straight. He hit some drives over 300 yards."

In the Super Bowl tournament Rice hit at least four drives more than 300 yards on the fairway. But his longest drive did not count, except to him. On the tee of the 354th dogleg 16th hole at Dorland's he drove one of his companions' former hitman Tom Weiskopf's driver across the bunkers to within 20 yards of the green. Rice's drive was as if he had been jugged across the face. But he asked his tee shot into the right rough, about 50 yards from the green.

After the other members of his group had hit their shots, Rice said, "Let me hit another ball."

This time his drive soared across the bunkers and landed in the fairway, only 20 yards from the green. "I get nervous playing golf," he mused moments later. "I never get nervous playing baseball, but I get nervous playing golf."

## NBA Standings

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

#### Atlantic Division

Washington	W 1, L 1, Pct. .68
Boston	22 22 50%
Philadelphia	20 19 51%
New York	20 20 50%
Brooklyn	20 21 48%
Atlanta	20 21 48%

#### Central Division

San Antonio	W 1, L 1, Pct. .68
San Diego	22 22 50%
Phoenix	20 19 51%
Portland	20 20 50%
Utah	20 21 48%
Los Angeles	20 21 48%

#### Western Conference

#### Midwest Division

Chicago	W 1, L 1, Pct. .68
Indiana	22 22 50%
St. Louis	20 19 51%
Philadelphia	20 20 50%
Washington	20 21 48%
Atlanta	20 21 48%

#### Pacific Division

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#### Southwest Division

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